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President Chun Doo-Hwan of South Korea lifts a ban on political activity imposed on 250 politicians, but three former presidential contenders are among 305 still barred. —Page 6

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Chairmen of English soccer clubs unanimously rejected the joint offer of Britain's two major broadcasting stations, BBC and ITV, at the risk of a black-out and loss of revenue. The clubs, however, kept the doors open for negotiations. —Page 9

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Nkomo implicated

Prime Minister Robert Mugabe steps up his attacks on opposition leader Joshua Nkomo, accusing him of securing South African support to topple the Zimbabwean government. —Page 20

Adelman's fate hangs in balance

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — Kenneth L. Adelman's nomination to be America's arms control director faces an uncertain future after failing to gain majority support in the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Adelman, 36, deputy U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, was nominated as director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency by U.S. President Ronald Reagan in January.

The panel sent the nomination to the full Senate Thursday after both supporters and opponents of Adelman agreed to formally recommend his rejection so the full Senate could act. Top appointments must be approved by the Senate.

Tom Grison, press secretary to Senate majority leader Howard H. Baker said the senator planned to hold off bringing the nomination up until mid-March. "It will give us more time to work on votes," Grison said.

Senator Charles H. Percy, committee chairman, when asked whether he believed supporters could push the nomination through the Senate, replied, "I think we possibly can," adding later that he thought there was a "good probability."

Germany accuses Soviets of meddling

BONN, Feb. 25 (R) — West Germany, in a strongly-worded statement, Friday accused the Soviet Union of gross interference in its internal affairs in the run-up to the general election on March 6.

Government spokesman Juergen Sudhoff told a news conference: "The government regards with concern the massive and hitherto unprecedented manner in which the Soviet Union is interfering in the election campaign and internal politics of the Federal Republic of Germany."

He referred to an interview in the Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* Thursday in which Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko urged West Europeans to distance themselves from the U.S. stance on nuclear disarmament.

Sudhoff said Moscow was making a blatant bid to discredit the West's disarmament policy among the people of Western Europe and that West Germany was its main target. He recalled that Gromyko had assured Bonn during an official visit last month that the Kremlin had no intention of driving a wedge between the U.S. and its West European allies.

The spokesman said a German-language broadcast by Radio Moscow on West German affairs constituted "a particularly striking, unabashed attempt to separate the Europeans from the Americans."

West Germany would not allow itself to be provoked and remained interested in cooperation with the Soviet Union based on reality, he said.

Sudhoff said the Soviet broadcast had focused on unemployment, rents and pensions in West Germany and predicted social unrest if the present center-right government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl were to win the elections. "The grossness of this attack was impressive," he said.

Holland expels Soviet diplomat

THE HAGUE, Feb. 25 (R) — The Netherlands has expelled a Soviet diplomat, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Friday, but refused to identify him or give a reason for his expulsion.

Dutch newspaper reports, however, named him as Alexander Kononov, third secretary at the embassy in The Hague, and alleged he was discovered spying by members of the Dutch Secret Service on Feb. 9.

Kononov was ordered to leave the country by Feb. 13 and left on that date, the reports said.

PNC resolutions ignore realities, Israel says

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (AP) — A senior Israeli government analyst said Friday the Palestine National Council had adopted extreme resolutions that limited the maneuverability of Arab moderates and of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in peace moves with Israel.

"I cannot recall such an extremist text," said the analyst, reading from an authorized translation of the PNC resolutions distributed by British monitors.

He said the resolutions were faithful to the ideology of the Palestine Liberation Organization and "ignored the political realities" of the PLO's weakened power after it was forced out of its base in Lebanon by Israel's invasion.

The analyst spoke to reporters on condition that he was not identified. It was the first detailed reaction reflecting government views since the PLO assembly wound up its meeting in Algiers earlier this week.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir have brushed aside the PNC decision as indicating no change in the PLO's ambition of liquidating Israel.

In the occupied West Bank, editorials in the Arabic press have applauded the resolutions as reflecting Arab unity. The moderate *Al Quds* newspaper said the PNC gave "a green light for Palestinian-Jordanian moves" to open peace talks with Israel.

But the government analyst said the PNC clearly barred King Hussein of Jordan from representing the Palestinians. He quoted the resolutions as "reject all the schemes" that would allow anyone but the PLO to speak on behalf of the Palestinians.

Alien hand behind carnage -- Indira

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi charged Friday that the carnage in Assam was spurred on by foreign "encouragement."

At a news conference here, Mrs. Gandhi repeatedly rejected the responsibility for the wholesale bloodshed although she admitted there could have been "many faults" in her government's overall handling of the situation. But she said it was doubtful it could have been averted even without the recent controversial elections as a catalyst.

Asked whether New Delhi might have been better prepared to deal with the violence, which has left anywhere between 1,000 and 2,000 people dead, the prime minister said: "Obviously when we look into it many faults will be found but many of these will have to do with lack of resources, not having enough people" to provide security.

Army troops fanned out across Assam Fri-

Cloud find may solve galaxy mystery

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (R) — Astronomers have discovered an intergalactic cloud of hydrogen gas a billion times more massive than the sun which may provide the answer to how galaxies are formed.

Roger Segelken, spokesman for Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, said four Cornell astronomers had made the discovery last month using the world's largest radio telescope, a 1,000-foot (308-meter) antenna in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

The cloud is 300,000 light years long, several times larger than the Milky Way, the galaxy in which the earth is located, he told Reuters. A light year is the distance light travels in one year — about 6,000 billion miles (9,600 billion km).

The Washington-based National Science Foundation said in a statement that the discovery, the first ever of a concentration of intergalactic gas, could lead scientists to the "invisible matter" — other than ordinary stars in visible galaxies — which many believe is a necessary constituent of the universe.

The foundation quoted Cornell astronomer Yervant Terzian as saying: "We have never seen anything like this before. We may be missing a proto-galaxy that has so far failed to mature, that is, to form normal stars."



Mrs. Indira Gandhi

day, staging shows of force to stem new violence and searching remote areas for more victims of rioting.

As many as 30,000 survivors of the anti-Muslim carnage, meanwhile, were queuing up at exit points around the province, waiting to join 10,000 or more refugees already safe in neighboring states.

Police said communal clashes were continuing in central Nowgong and northern Darrang districts, but gave no details, as army units marched in strength in towns and villages to discourage any fresh disturbances. Relief supplies were said to be slow in reaching some of the worst hit areas, such as central Nellie district where thousands of tribals massacred hundreds of Muslims.

Mrs. Gandhi told the reporters that "every effort will be made" to punish those responsible for the slayings, but added that it was not easy to identify individuals for prosecution in such large-scale disturbances.

Growing younger an aging wonder!

PEKING, Feb. 25 (AFP) — A 110-year-old Chinese woman, who was at death's door, has suddenly started to rejuvenate, growing teeth and getting her periods again, the *Shanxi Daily* has reported.

The paper said that Yu Jicun, an inhabitant of the town of Changsha in Central China, had recently spotted eight new teeth breaking through her gums.

Some of her white hair has turned black and her wrinkled skin has regained its softness and bloom, although her face is now covered with teenage acne.

In bid for accord

Mexico puts off cutting oil price

PARIS, Feb. 25, (R) — Non-OPEC Mexico Friday delayed an expected cut in its oil price to allow the exporter group more breathing space for its efforts here and in the Middle East to avert a world oil price war.

Mexican Oil Minister Francisco Lahastida, in Paris for talks with his Algerian, Venezuelan and Kuwaiti counterparts, said Mexico would not announce a price cut Friday as it had intended.

He said the decision had been delayed pending further oil market developments. These were thought to include the outcome of OPEC attempts to persuade other non-OPEC producers, such as Britain, to cooperate in preventing a price collapse.

Before flying off to Riyadh for talks with Ahmad Zaki Yamani, petroleum minister, Venezuelan Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti told Reuters he saw Britain as a crucial link between consumers and producers in any bid to avert a price war.

The surprise arrival of the four ministers in the French capital Thursday was apparently part of a concerted effort to establish a degree of cooperation in advance of next week's proposed OPEC meeting in either Geneva or Vienna.

The OPEC meeting has still to be formally announced and doubts remained whether it

Soviets viewing N-war, U.S. says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (R) — There are signs the Soviet Union thinks it can wage a prolonged war and is considering the possibility of actually fighting a nuclear war, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Friday.

Weinberger said increased Soviet military strength could only be interpreted as an offensive force. He told the wives of U.S. war veterans meeting in the Pentagon the Soviet Union had built far more weapons than they needed for defensive purposes.

Weinberger said the Russians have the ability to knock out U.S. land-based missiles in a first strike and the protection given to Soviet missile installations and other key sites "have given us indications that they think they could fight a prolonged war."

"Finally, their writings, military doctrine, and exercises all indicate they are considering the possibility of actual nuclear war fighting," Weinberger said. Because of this, he said, the Reagan administration opposed a nuclear arms freeze and was continuing its military build-up.

President Reagan and Weinberger have argued the U.S. military was allowed to deteriorate during the 1970s, while the Soviet Union carried out a "one-nation" arms race.

would take place.

Nigerian officials have said they want guarantees of cooperation from non-OPEC producers if their country is to attend and Indonesian Oil Minister Dr. Suhroto said in Jakarta Friday his country would prefer not to have a meeting if it appeared no consensus was likely to emerge.

As Calderon headed for Riyadh another Venezuelan delegation, in London Thursday for talks with British officials, headed for a similar round of talks in Norway Friday, Venezuelan diplomats said.

Foot stands firm despite Labor defeat

LONDON, Feb. 25 (R) — Britain's troubled opposition Labor Party Friday faced further turmoil and increased pressure on leader Michael Foot to step down after a humiliating parliamentary by-election defeat.

The 69-year-old labor leader acted quickly Friday to quash speculation he would resign after the sensational loss of the London docklands seat of Bermondsey, a Labor bastion for nearly 60 years, to the minority Liberal-Social Democratic alliance.

Foot agreed the loss was a setback but vowed to stay on and lead Labor into the general election that most politicians expect Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to call this year.

"My determination to fight and win that election is as strong as it was when I became leader of the Labor Party in November, 1980," the opposition leader said. "I intend to carry out the task for which I was elected."

But political commentators said the statement was unlikely to put a stop to the persistent press speculation on Foot's future which reached a crescendo with Thursday's ballot.

Since Foot became Labor leader in 1980, a year after the party was ousted as the government by the Conservatives, the party has been wracked by divisions with its militant left-wing and defections of leading moderates to form the Social Democratic Party.

The victory for the small, centrist alliance of the Social Democrats and Liberals in the working class House of Commons seat was a decisive rebuff to Labor's militant left-wing.

Foot had never wanted Labor to be represented by Tatchell, a 31-year-old left-winger who became a standard-bearer for the radical Socialist activists whose increasing influence in party councils has convulsed Labor in recent years.

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New Riyadh airport opening set for 1984

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — King Khaled International Airport in Riyadh will be opened within 11 months, at the beginning of 1984, *Al-Mass'ayyah* reported Thursday evening. More than 7.5 million passengers are expected to use it in the initial year. The airport was designed to be used by up to 18 million passengers as of the year 2000.

The first phase of the giant airport project had been entrusted to an international firm. There are now 12,400 people from 42 countries working at the airport. The first phase

cost \$3.2 billion. A spokesman for the contractor said that the project was proceeding according to schedule.

The airport lies 35 kilometers north of Riyadh on a 240-square-kilometer area. The test operation has been set for Aug. 15, while commercial operation tests will begin on Oct. 12. Some departments, like customs, will move to the new airport with the start of the test operation. The airport was inspected last December by Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and minister of aviation. King Fahd will dedicate the new airport.

Preparations are also under way for the construction of a new international airport in the Eastern Province, between Dammam and Dhahran, to serve the industrial zone in Jubail and the city of Ras Tannura, the biggest oil shipping port in the world.

Naif to chair meeting on pilgrimage

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — Interior Minister Prince Naif will Wednesday preside over a special meeting at the Pilgrimage Research Center here. The prince is chairman of the Higher Pilgrimage Committee, while Maklah Governor Prince Majed is chairman of the Central Pilgrimage Committee.

The center's director Sami Anqawi told *Al-Riyadh* Friday that the meeting will deal with matters pertaining to pilgrimage and the studies prepared by the center for this year's season. The agenda also includes a variety of topics.

Ministry fixes hotel meals' prices

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — The Commerce Ministry has fixed prices of meals and soft drinks at all hotels in Saudi Arabia and overpricing has disappeared except in very rare cases, *Al-Jazirah* reported Friday.

Commerce Undersecretary Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel called upon the public to report on any violation of the new prices. He said that the prices were fixed by coordina-

Center gives answers to all questions

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 25 — A recent ministry request for information on satellite communication brought an answer within minutes, detailing the companies involved in this field. The agency referred to was the Saudi Arabian Computer and Information Center, set up jointly by the King Faisal Foundation and the Anani Business and Economic Consultants.

Such instant information retrieval was possible thanks to the center's satellite communication link that allows it to tap leading information centers in the world, Dr. Faisal M. Anani, vice chairman and executive managing director of the center, told *Arab News*. According to Anani, the center, as a data bank, has a vast input, not only on the national economy, but also on financial standing of business firms, demographic and economic forecasts, etc. This is the only center which caters to the highest level of government authority, Dr. Anani said.

The center, he pointed out, has developed a methodology for evaluating projects. "Using the computer capabilities, we can design forecasting and simulation models which allow periodic analysis of the economies," Anani claimed.

To its clients, the center offers computer time-sharing, expert systems analysis and design. Clients also have access to a wide range of programs and software packages that may be applied in the fields of data management, text processing, statistical calculation, economic analysis and business operations.

tion between the ministry and the hotels and were indeed reasonable. The list covers mineral water, coffee, tea and carbonated drinks.

Whenever an abuse is reported, inspectors from the ministry immediately open an inquiry, following which the ministry serves a warning to the hotel. All that a person has to do when he finds that he was charged an excessive price is to phone the ministry's hotel department.

Several foreign companies participating

Optical exhibition concludes tomorrow

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — The latest range of equipment for ophthalmic clinics, hospitals and eye surgeons as well as different types of optical lenses, frames and sunglasses for opticians are among the items now on display at the "Rosa 5 — International Optical Exhibition" at the Meridien Hotel here.

The five-day exhibit, organized by the Saudi Optics House Group of Taif, for the third time in the Kingdom, concludes Sunday.

M.M. Rouhani, director general of the Saudi Optics House Group, told *Arab News* that the show is organized once in two years and compares well with the other international optical equipment shows like the Mido, held annually in Italy; the Silmo, held once in two years in France; and the Optica, also held once in two years in West Germany.

A number of foreign companies are exhibiting their products at the show, including those from Spain, Italy, England, France, West Germany, Switzerland, Lebanon, Austria and Australia.

Rouhani said the Kingdom's 82 opticians and those from Arab countries like Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Egypt and Sudan, who have been visiting the exhibit, are impressed by the new technology that is now available for fitting lenses and making glasses.

Group partner Ibrahim Zamman, said his



M. M. Rouhani

OPTICAL SHOW: The stand displaying ophthalmic lenses, frames and sunglasses made by the Saudi Optics House Group, Taif, at the "Rosa 5 — International Optical Exhibition," at the Meridien Hotel in Jeddah. The show, which opened Wednesday, concludes Sunday.

factory in Taif, the first of its kind in the Middle East, which started 10 years ago manufacturing just 17 models of optical frames, is now making as many as 128 models. The products are also being exported to Europe and Arab countries. "We also make medical lenses — as many as 725,000 different powers, from zero to plus 20 and minus 20. What's more, our prices are 25 to 30 percent less than others," Zamman said.

Silvano Salina, sales manager of the ophthalmic division of the Satis Vacuum, A.G., Zurich, Switzerland, presented his company's latest achievements in the field of the vacuum coating technology for all kinds of anti-reflection and color coatings of ophthalmic lenses.

He said his company has been manufacturing a range of six models of the high vacuum lens coating machine and they are being exported to 85 countries through the headquarters in Switzerland and the branches in the United States, Italy and Taiwan.

The Satis 850, for instance, Salina said, is a vacuum plant for the mass manufacturing of coated ophthalmic lenses. The maximum capacity of the machine is 64 lenses per working cycle of 20-25 minutes. It can be equipped for the production of all colors and absorptions requested by the market as well as single-, multi- and color-anti-reflection coatings on both lens surfaces in one complete working cycle.

John A. Parker, international sales manager of the Hydron Europe Limited, Hampshire, said his company is the world's second largest manufacturer of contact lenses and has distributors in 50 countries. There has been a significant increase in the demand for contact lenses during the past three years, especially in the Kingdom and the rest of the Middle East.

Parker said a new "Collagen" contact lens, which can be potentially worn continuously for six weeks will be introduced to the market next year. "We are also trying to make disposable contact lenses and hope to be successful," Parker added.



Ibrahim Zamman

BRIEFS

Killer beheaded

ABHA (SPA) — A murderer was beheaded after the noon prayers here Friday, and the Interior Ministry reaffirmed its determination to deter crime by implementing the Law of God. It said that Ibrahim bin Ali bin Ibrahim Abu Qamasha was executed for stabbing to death Muhammad bin Ali Al-Karzi.

Talal visits Somalia

MUGADISHU (AFP) — Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, special envoy for UNICEF, arrived here Friday on an official visit to Somalia.

Saudi group in Bahrain

MANAMA (SPA) — A high-level Saudi Arabian delegation has arrived here on a two-day visit to discuss the phases of implementation of a bridge between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain and a related road from Al-Jisra to Tubali. The delegation comprises Communications Undersecretary Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum; Dr. Saleh Al-Amir, undersecretary of the ministry of finance and national economy; and Commerce Undersecretary Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel.



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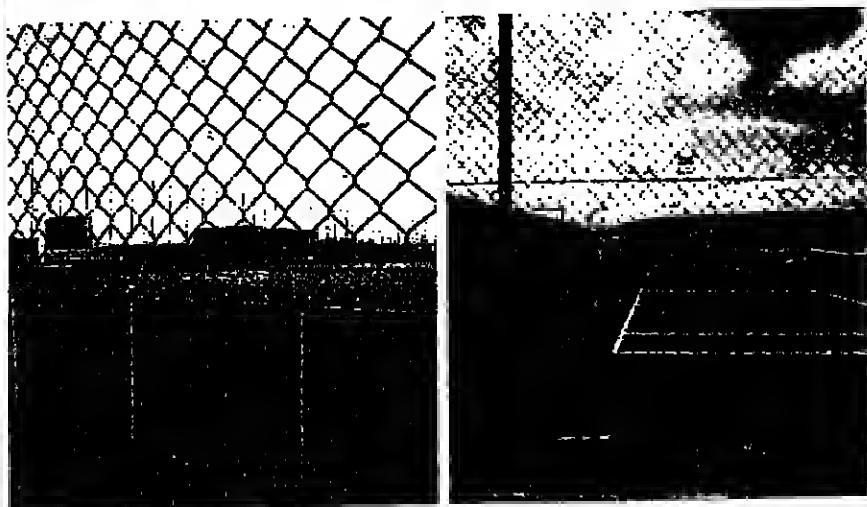
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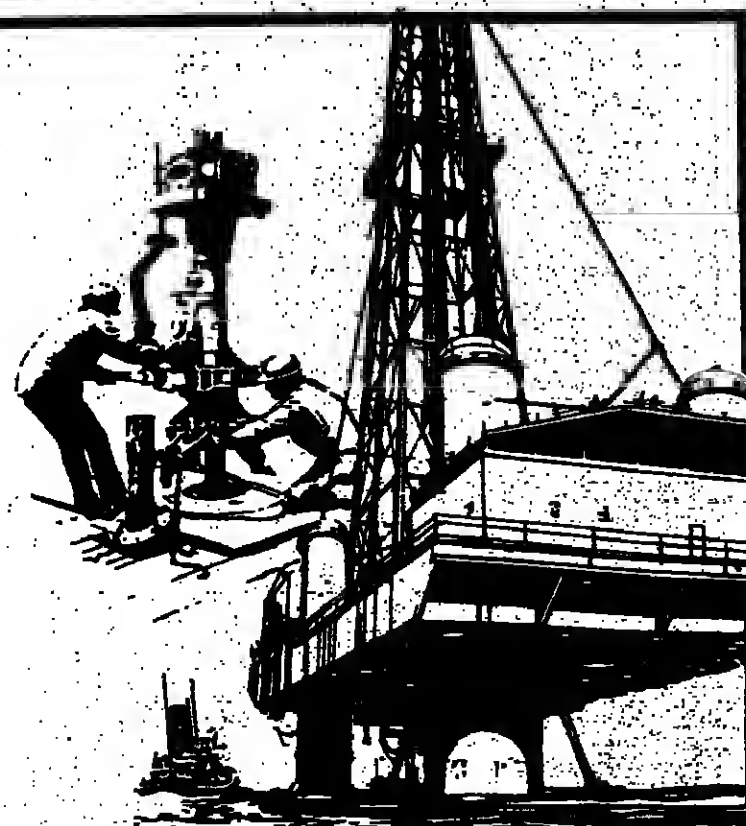
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Hospital extension work in hand

Heart surgery arrangements finalized

By K.S. Raghunath
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — Within about 18 months, this city can not only boast of adequate facilities for open heart surgeries in a leading private hospital, but also of their performance by a world-renowned heart surgeon himself or under his guidance.

The hospital concerned is the Dr. Soliman Fakeeh General Hospital, which is already a prominent Palestine Road landmark, and the famed surgeon is none other than Professor Danton Cooley, head of the open heart center at St. Luke Hospital in Houston.

Professor Cooley was recently here and, according to Dr. Soliman Fakeeh, the owner and director of the hospital, "the professor and I have finalized an arrangement by which my hospital surgeons will be trained by him at his center and his surgeons will also visit here to carry out the necessary operations and training the staff."

Dr. Fakeeh, 50, told Arab News that the arrangement is such that in certain exceptional cases Professor Cooley himself will fly in to perform open heart surgery. Quite often, surgeons trained by him will carry out the operations.

"In any case my hospital will be depending on the senior staff from Professor Cooley's Houston center for about five years," Fakeeh said. "By then, my hospital staff will have been sufficiently trained to carry out complicated heart surgeries on their own."

Expansion under way

A confident-looking Dr. Fakeeh whose son Mazin is a medical student here, said the number of beds in the existing, imposing SR100 million seven-story hospital for general surgery and medicine will be expanded from 170 to 220 within a couple of months. But surgical treatment in advanced heart diseases will be made available as soon as the hospital's extension project is completed.

When completed within 18 months the extension project will involve SR70 million toward the building construction cost and SR40 million toward the highly advanced, most-modern equipment for providing open heart and many other complicated and rare surgical operations, Dr. Fakeeh said, adding that a three-story car park is also being constructed to provide space for over 1,000 cars, adjacent to the building, at a cost of SR6 million.

Emphasis on internal traffic

According to Stelios Agiostratis, the chairman of Agiostratis Associates, a company of architects and engineers, who designed the existing structure and also the proposed extension, the extension building will consist of seven floors, besides a basement, and "will achieve a correct and smooth internal traffic between the two buildings".

He said the ground floor of the extension will have an outpatients department, and orthopedic, surgical, gynecological, urological, ophthalmological, dermatological clinics. It will also have two radio diagnostic rooms which have been designed at the shortest possible distance from the outpatients' clinic and the emergency cases' department to



Dr. Soliman Fakeeh

minimize the movement of patients.

The accident and emergency case department will comprise four small operating rooms and a recovery room with three beds, and other relevant facilities.

The first floor will be entirely occupied by the surgical and gynecology departments with delivery rooms, an operating theater, and an intensive care unit, Agiostratis said.

The five typical floors, from the second floor up to the sixth, will be connected vertically with ground floor and first floor (operating theaters) by means of elevators and staircases, while they will be horizontally connected with the corresponding floors of the existing hospital by means of corridors.

The basement of the extension building will be mainly occupied by the hydrotherapy and exercise department, which is divided into two separate sections for men and women. This will include three compartments equipped with special hydrotherapy bathtubs, massage compartments equipped with beds separated by curtain partitioning, a solarium situated beside the gymnasium room, an arm and leg hydrotherapy room, an adequate pool mechanical installation room, an independent sauna and massage depart-



Stelios Agiostratis

ment with separate sections for males and females.

Agiostratis said a swimming pool area has also been foreseen in the basement with a 3 meters by 6 meters pool as well as a butterfly pool.

Agiostratis, 40, who obtained a diploma in architecture from the Technical University of Athens and did his postgraduate course in London, said he specialized in hospital architectural studies in London. He started his company 15 years ago in Athens, it now has 20 engineers and architects. He now has two offices in Athens and one in London which has a 10-member professional staff. "I am now trying to open an office in Jeddah," Agiostratis said. His company has been undertaking the designing of hospitals in different parts of the world.

Largest physiotherapy unit

Dr. Fakeeh, who graduated from Cairo University in 1957 and had intensive training before returning to the Kingdom to take up the post of specialist in medicine at Jiyad Hospital, Makkah and later the director-general of health for the whole of the Western Province, said when the expansion is completed the hospital beds will increase to 400. The 2,000 square meter extension project will have new services and equipment for open heart, brain and kidney surgery, a transplant center, a huge physiotherapy unit, hydrotherapy and drytherapy facilities, and a 10-bed intensive care unit. "My physiotherapy unit will be the biggest in the Middle East," Dr. Fakeeh claimed.

Asked how the hospital has been meeting project costs, Dr. Fakeeh said he has already received a government loan for SR50 million which he is committed to repay annually over the next 20 years. The banks are also ready to finance, he added. There is also a move on the part of the government to reserve 10 to 15 percent beds in all private hospitals, he hinted.

Asked about his future plan, Dr. Fakeeh said: "My future plan is to make this hospital the best in the world, not merely in the Kingdom or the Middle East. I know this is not easy to realize, but this is something within my ambition. After completing this project equipped with all the modern specialized equipment and being convinced that medical care is properly and adequately offered, then I'll set up a second hospital elsewhere in the Kingdom."

Sophisticated equipment

The computerized tomography scanner (C.T. scan) which he obtained eight months ago for SR4 million, he said, is an electronic computerized X-ray machine that enables the physician to see inside the body in a totally new and clear way. A large number of very fine low level pulsed X-ray beams are used as probes and a computer records the information received.

The computer compiles all the data and reconstructs an exact image of the organ, bones or tumors inside the body.

Effective heart test

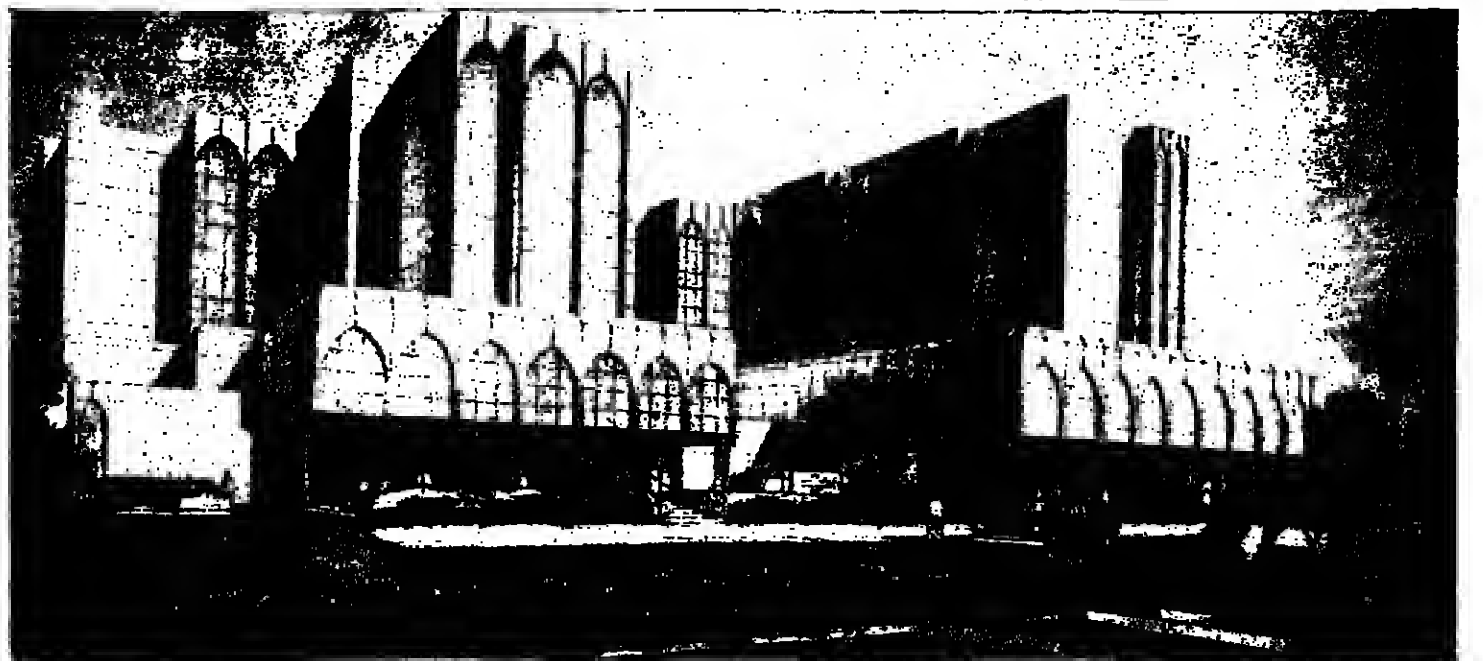
The echocardiography is a harmless, painless non-invasive technique for testing the heart function and efficiency. Dr. Fakeeh said adding that his hospital has supplied its cardiac laboratory with an M-Mode echocardiogram which emits ultrasound waves transecting the various parts of the cardiac muscle, cardiac chambers and valves.

Ultrasound diagnosis

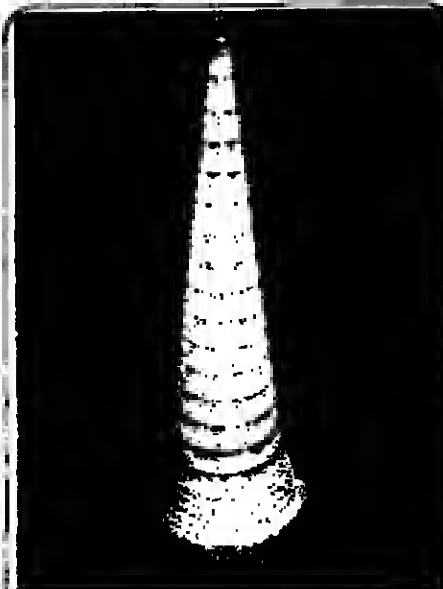
The place of ultrasound as a practical non-invasive diagnostic technique in obstetrics and gynecology has become firmly established. It is used for the diagnosis of early pregnancy (five to six weeks), multiple pregnancy, missed abortion, vesicular mole, placenta previa, fetal age, intrauterine fetal death, congenital malformations of the head, spine and polycystic kidney.

Dialysis unit

The renal dialysis unit is prepared for both hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis to meet all possibilities of renal failure. There are four artificial kidneys manufactured by the two most famous American establishments — extracorporeal and cobe.



HOSPITAL EXTENSION PLAN: This is the artist's impression of how the Dr. Soliman Fakeeh General Hospital at Palestine Road will look after the current extension project is completed within about 18 months. The number of beds at the hospital will then increase to 400 and it will be in a position to offer the most advanced surgical treatment, including open heart surgery in cooperation with the St. Luke Hospital of Houston, headed by Professor Danton Cooley.



SAUDI FOOD COMPETITOR: This eight-meter high, 20-story wedding cake was prepared by the Riyadh Intercontinental's pastry section. The cake won appreciative comments from Abdul Aziz Al-Jasir, director general of hotels, ministry of commerce, in the Salon Culinaire, a competition for a variety of dishes held during the Saudi Food '83 in Riyadh.

Book fair opens in Riyadh today

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — More than 30 countries will display some 30,000 books at a book exhibition in Riyadh next week, *Al-Jazirah* reported.

The Fifth International Book Fair will be opened by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Saturday. It is organized by the library affairs department of King Saud University at the university's grand ceremony hall at Al-Der'eyyah.

More than 500 publishers will exhibit their books during the ten-day exhibition.

Two-stage Makkah plan made for demolitions

MAKKAH, Feb. 25 — More than 48 houses will be removed from the Shoab Amer district here to make way for "Kee'e Alla'e" street from Shoab Amer Street to Al-Raya Mosque, in two stages, *Otak* reported.

Deputy Mayor for Technical Affairs Sharaf Nassar Al-Abdali said that the project was part of the completion of the second phase of the holy city's improvement at a cost of SR894,339,000 under the current budget.

The demolition will start at the beginning of the coming Hijrah year. Abdali therefore urged residents and home owners to prepare for the evacuation by next September (Zul Hijrah) and to apply at the beginning of May for compensation from the government.

Soups, fondues, mountain cheeses make special 'Swiss Night' a treat

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 25 — Hot tangy soup, fondues and mountain cheeses delight diners during the Monday "Swiss Night" at the Al-Bilad Hotel Movenpick.

Swiss specialties are featured in a colorful outdoor terrace area where both hot and cold delicacies are attractively displayed and served at individual tables by a crew of conscientious waiters.

Recent Swiss nights, according to General Manager Anton J. Good, have been poorly attended due to cold weather. However, with warmer nights approaching he thinks the event will be very popular.

Actually, the cooler evenings are ideal for the traditional Swiss dishes, which include hot soup and tangy fondues, and are ideal for balmy fall and spring evenings in the mountains. The menu begins with buendner gersuppe, a hearty soup from the Grison mountains with vegetables, pearl barley and dried, air-dried beef. Another tasty item is buendnerfleisch, Alpine dried beef served with pickles.

Several of the main dishes are actually cooked and served right diners who like to tip their miniature skewers with bites of food and

dip them into hot oil or melted cheese.

Fondue bourguignonne is claimed to be the best known of all Swiss dishes in which the fondue dish containing hot oil is brought to the table, followed by a selection of prime meat and accompanied with an assortment of spicy dips and garnishes. This dinner is SR88 for two persons and can be enjoyed leisurely at the table while the customer cooks it himself.

Cheese fondue gruyeriennne is a creamy dip of melted Emmentaler and Gruyere cheeses which are actually simmered on a low fire right at the table. Good explained that each type of fondue traditionally has its own type of serving dish, with oil heated in a metal fondue dish and cheese prepared in a heavy crockery dish.

Another mouth-watering dish is a specialty of the Canton Valais, raclette valaisienne. Half wheels of mountain cheese are melted on a coal fire and scraped on to the diner's plate. This specialty costs SR38 and is served with small jacket potatoes, pickled onions and cucumber.

There is also a Swiss night special which recently was Sauerbraten with peas, carrots and mashed potatoes.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:54	3:54	3:25	3:11	3:36	4:04
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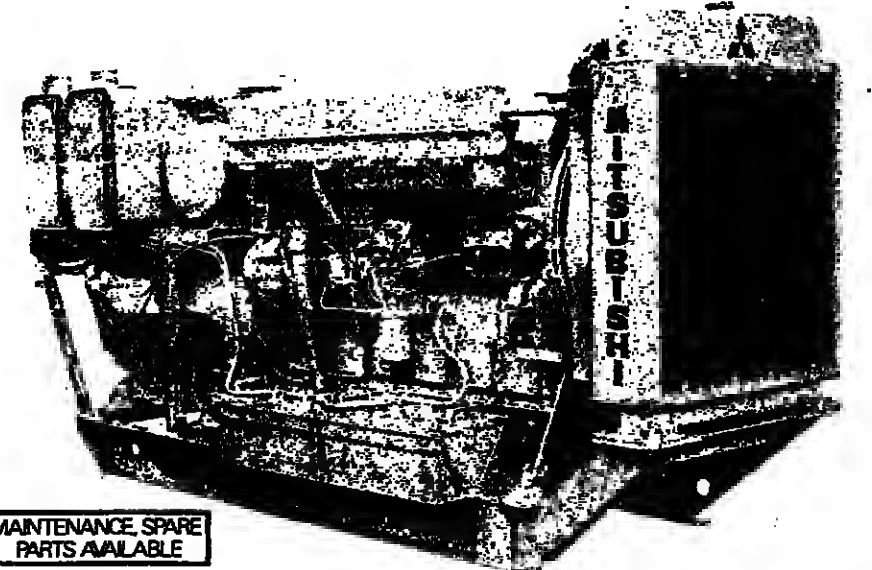
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PLO, Israel may swap POWs shortly--ICRC

GENEVA, Feb. 25 (AP) — An exchange of eight Palestinian-held Israeli soldiers for the release of 800 and 1,000 Palestinian prisoners detained by Israel could take place shortly, a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross said here Friday.

The spokesman for the ICRC said that if an accord between the Palestinians and Israel were reached, the committee's role in the exchange would be limited to general supervision of prisoner release and transfer.

In Vienna Thursday a key PLO leader Saleh Khalaf said Israel had proposed through the ICRC in Geneva to exchange Palestinian prisoners for Israeli soldiers. Khalaf, deputy military chief for the PLO said the PLO was asking for the release of 1,000 Palestinian prisoners. The eight Israelis could be released within 24 hours if this condition were met, he said.

He added that Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky had said the exchange could take place in Vienna. Kreisky was asked last

135 Syrian troops reported missing in snow-hit area

BEIRUT, Feb. 25 (AP) — Twelve persons, including two women in labor, have been dug out alive from an avalanche that buried a ski resort in north Lebanon's Cedar's mountains, police reported Friday.

But they said 135 soldiers of a Syrian Alpine garrison were classified as missing and presumed dead. No contact could be established with them since they were lost in the Cedar forests last Friday when the worst blizzard in 40 years struck, killing 76 persons, police said.

They said 110 frostbitten Syrian soldiers wandered into the village of Ainata, 80 kilometers north of Beirut Thursday and told inhabitants they believe their 135 comrades of the Cedars garrison had perished in the six-meter snow.

Lebanese army helicopters and rescue teams from the civil defense corps found no trace of the missing Syrians during a week-long search.

The avalanche struck on Thursday, burying the Grand Cedars Hotel in Bsheri, the provincial capital of the Cedars region 70 kilometers northeast of Beirut, and a cluster of neighboring houses and chalets.

Police retracted an earlier statement that 10 persons were killed in the avalanche at the 1,950-meter high peaks, and said the casualty toll could not be determined yet.

Police said the 12 rescued persons were flown by Lebanese army helicopters from Bsheri to hospitals in other northern towns Thursday and Friday.

autumn by Israeli families to mediate with the PLO for the exchange of eight Israeli prisoners for a number of Palestinians.

The negotiations went on in secret until early this month, when there were rumors of an exchange of 6,000 Palestinian prisoners for eight Israelis.

Kreisky refused to discuss the negotiations or confirm or deny the figures. He did say, however, that Austria was prepared to be the venue for the exchange.

An Israeli general confirmed Thursday that the government has established contacts through Austria with the PLO over the exchange of prisoners.

Maj. Gen. Moshe Nativ, head of the army's manpower division, said "the PLO has asked for the return of its people, as well as hundreds of its members in prison in Israel." "We are examining the demands of the PLO."

Israel has demanded the return of its soldiers and the bodies of those Israelis killed in the Lebanon war as a precondition for withdrawing its troops from that country.

The military command has said six of its soldiers are being held by the PLO's largest wing, Al Fatah, and two were captured by the smaller, more radical group led by Ahmad Jibril. Syria is confirmed to have taken three Israelis and the command says it believes five other Israelis listed as missing also are held by Syria.

The command said it holds 293 Syrians and 5,199 Palestinians.

Habib, Lebanese leaders confer

BEIRUT, Feb. 25 (AP) — U.S. Presidential Envoy Philip Habib met with Lebanese government leaders for a third day Friday in an intensified effort to speed up agreement on withdrawal of foreign armies from Lebanon.

Foreign Minister Elie Salem told reporters the meeting was "crucial for the progress" of the eight-week-old troop withdrawal negotiations between the United States, Israel and Lebanon. Salem and the Lebanese negotiating team at the tripartite negotiations attended the meeting.

Carter to meet Begin

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (AP) — Former President Jimmy Carter will visit Israel as a guest of Prime Minister Menachem Begin for one week beginning March 6, a foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

Israel television said Carter would also go on to Egypt for a visit there and then confer with President Reagan upon his return in the United States. Carter last visited Israel four years ago during the final weeks of negotiating before Israel and Egypt signed their peace treaty.

Israeli stand on Palestinians irks Reagan, Shultz

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said Israel "can't pass off the Palestinian issue" by declaring Jordan to be a Palestinian state.

He also said in an appearance in Atlanta he is "sure that before long" there will be an agreement making possible a withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon.

President Ronald Reagan had said Wednesday the Palestinians need their own "homeland," although he drew a distinction between that and a separate Palestinian state. It was the first time Reagan had made mention of the desirability of a Palestinian homeland.

White House officials said Reagan's statement was consistent with his Sept. 1 peace initiative which proposes Palestinian self-government on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip — following an Israeli withdrawal — in association with Jordan.

Israel has rejected the plan, and the new Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Arens, said in Washington Wednesday that "Israel's position is that a Palestinian homeland and state exists — Jordan."

President Reagan repeated his concern that delay in withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian troops from Lebanon would jeopardize an overall peace settlement in the Middle East.

"Time is not on our side in this," he said. "The longer we delay in this, the more we endanger the possibility of moving on into the general peace discussions."

The president said he felt strongly that Israel's security is at stake and that it must seek peace settlements with other Arab states such as Israel did with Egypt.

"What is at stake for Israel? The stake is security," Reagan said. "Can they go on forever living as an armed camp? Their economy's suffering. They have a 130 percent inflation rate. And they're having

to maintain a military presence that is out of all proportion to their size as a nation."

Referring to his statement Tuesday that the United States would be willing to "guarantee" Israel's border with Lebanon after a troop pullout, Reagan said he "would be willing to enlarge the multinational forces" now in Beirut so they could patrol southern Lebanon if necessary. But he said he had no figure in mind for additional American troops.

In his appearance before the Center for International Studies in Atlanta Thursday, Shultz also has referred in the past to the desirability of a Palestinian homeland which could have its own flag and passport. He has said Palestinians need a place with which they can identify.

Shultz also said he expected Syria and the PLO will withdraw their troops from Lebanon once there is an agreement for an Israeli withdrawal.

He said the withdrawal negotiations have moved slowly because of the difficulty of reconciling Israel's need for security along its northern borders with the need for "a free and sovereign Lebanon."

"I'm sure that before long it will be resolved and out of it we will then have a program under which the Israeli forces will withdraw," he added.

He said then "the Syrians would be confronted with that, and I expect them to withdraw as they have said they would, and with them, I believe, would go the PLO fighters who remain in Lebanon."

Meanwhile, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Thursday that Reagan's call for Palestinian homeland does not "anger well for positive progress" toward Mideast peace.

Libyan threat to Sudan 'persists'

ATLANTA, Georgia, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Libya remains a threat to the stability of Sudan and Chad, Secretary of State George Shultz said here at a press conference.

The U.S. administration, he said Thursday continued to follow the situation in the region "very closely to ensure that the Libyans know that the U.S. is determined that their attempts to destabilize will not succeed."

The United States had stepped up its military posture in the region by sending the aircraft carrier *Nimitz* toward the Libyan coast and four AWACS radar planes to Egypt after a "very clear evidence of a plot against the Sudan and of movement of Libyan forces."

The Libyan plot against the Sudanese regime of Gaafar Numeiri had failed thanks to the "fast and decisive" reaction by President Reagan, he said. Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, "was put back in his box" said Shultz, who was visiting the International Studies Center here.

Meanwhile, an Egyptian Foreign Ministry official said Thursday the United States was partly to blame for recent Libyan military threats against Sudan because it had lifted an economic embargo imposed on Libya last year.

The official, who declined to be named, said the U.S. had relaxed the embargo imposed last March on Libyan oil imports and American exports of oil and gas technology. "Now there is trade and I believe that trade over the past three months has provided Libya with liquidity to finance its subversive plans," he said.

The official said that on the one hand U.S. assistance to Sudan served as a deterrent

against what he called Libyan military adventurism. But on the other, he said, all American corporations were back in Libya.

Sudan accused Libya last week of massing troops supported by aircraft on the border and sending agents to incite subversion inside the country.

In another development Dominican Prime Minister Eugenio Charles said Thursday his government has obtained copies of scholarship offers and other documents given to Dominicans by Libya and will make "a full statement" later. Miss Charles earlier charged that Qaddafi, had lured students from Dominica and other nations with the promise of medical or engineering scholarships, but actually wanted to train them for revolution in their home countries.

Algeria, Congo seek end to Iran-Iraq war

ALGIERS, Feb. 25 (AP) — Algeria and Congo made a fresh appeal for ending the Iraq-Iran war on the basis of nonaligned principles. The Iraqi News Agency said Thursday that a joint communique issued at the end of Algerian Premier Muhammad bin Ahmad Abdul Ghan's visit to the Congo called for ending the conflict and starting peace talks.

The communique expressed "profound concern" for the continuation of the war which Algeria and the Congo believe "is hampering the anti-imperialist and anti-Zionist struggle and the progress of non-aligned country."

Pakistan said getting nuclear data from China

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — The U.S. State Department has acknowledged that China and Pakistan, allies on the rim of Soviet power in Asia, have reached a "nuclear relationship."

At the same time, Howard B. Schaffer, deputy assistant secretary of state for South Asia and the Middle East, confirmed that India is separating and collecting plutonium from the radioactive material produced at its Tarapur nuclear power facility. India is making no secret of the operation in reports to the International Atomic Energy Agency, he added.

Neither Pakistan nor India have signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

While demanding Soviet troop withdrawals from Afghanistan, China has been a major supplier of MiG jet fighters and other military arms to Pakistan. The challenge of 105,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan also has led the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan to pledge \$3.2 billion in economic and military support of Pakistan over a six-year period to bolster its strength as a front-line nation.

Schaffer said the program "symbolizes firm U.S. support, making it possible for Pakistan to maintain its courageous posture, despite Soviet huffing and blustering."

Also, it may help remove the "principal underlying incentive for acquisition of a nuclear weapons capability," Schaffer wrote in a prepared statement that preceded his testimony on the nuclear relationship with China.

Prevention of the proliferation of nuclear weapons is one of the policy objectives of the United States in South Asia.

Intellectuals urge anti-Soviet drive

ISLAMABAD, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Six hundred prominent Pakistani literary figures, Thursday urged writers and intellectuals elsewhere to join in a campaign to force Moscow to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan.

Fifty Pakistani writers told a press conference here that the Soviets have been committing atrocities in Afghanistan, the landlocked West Asian country, for more than three years.

Meanwhile, Soviet press reported Friday the Afghan capital was deprived of electricity for several days this month by the people struggling for freedom. The Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia's* correspondent in Kabul wrote that Mujahideen damaged five pylons of a high-tension line in a remote mountain district "plunging this capital into darkness for several days."

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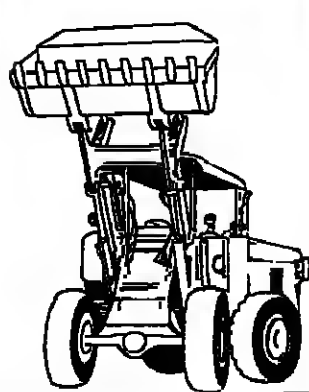
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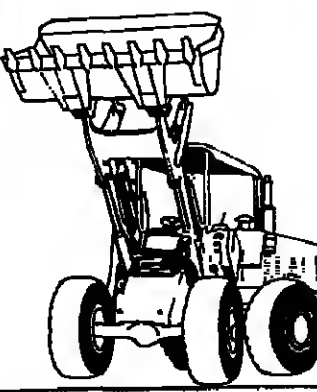
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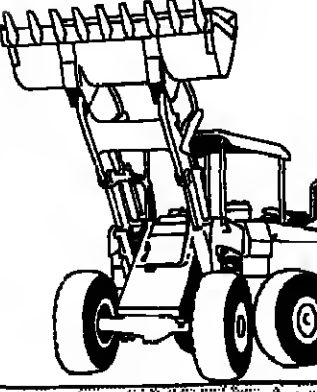
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To secure world peace

German proposes hate-free zone

BONN, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — West Germany's ruling Christian Democratic Party (CDU) proposed the establishment of a "hate-free zone" in Central Europe as the best way to secure world peace.

Volker Ruehe, deputy head of the parliamentary party, also suggested a dialogue with Moscow on the future of bilateral relations. Ruehe was outlining the CDU's intended policies toward Eastern Europe after a general election here on March 6.

He said relations between East and West Germany could become a model for East-West detente if political and cultural agreements between the two countries were observed by both sides and expanded.

"People talk about nuclear-free zones but real peace is not just a matter of destroying a few missiles. The best basis for security and peace is the creation of a hate-free zone," he told a press conference.

His suggestion appeared to be a response

to recent Swedish and Soviet proposals for a zone free of short-range nuclear weapons. Bonn rejected the plan, saying it would make NATO vulnerable to the Warsaw Pact's superiority in conventional arms.

As a basis for the hate-free zone, Ruehe proposed a joint East-West German program entitled "education for peace" to the East Berlin government. It would discourage friend-foe concepts in international politics, reject violence and militarism and promote peaceful solutions of conflicts.

He said the idea was backed by West Germany's minister for inter-German relations, Rainer Barzel, who has repeatedly accused East Germany of glorifying the armed forces in school courses and political propaganda.

West and East Germany should agree on a cultural program, including school exchanges and two-day tours by theater groups and musicians. This should be encouraged especially among communities in the border areas.

On relations with the Soviet Union, he said Moscow's estimated 333 SS-20 nuclear missiles constituted a threat to West Germany's freedom of political action. "Constructive Soviet-West German relations cannot thrive in the shadow of this rocket threat," he said.

"We propose an intensive exchange of opinions with the Soviet Union in which basic questions (of bilateral relations) ... should be discussed openly with the aim of achieving a real mutual understanding," Ruehe said.

"It is now for the Soviet Union to accept this offer of a broad and thorough exchange of opinions."

Meanwhile, both the West German government and the country's major opposition party rejected Thursday a Soviet warning that West European countries should distance themselves from the United States on security issues.

The sharp West German reaction followed a Wednesday statement by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, who said Western Europe's NATO allies are forced to follow the lead of the United States in security matters.

"As opposed to the practice in the Warsaw Pact, the (West) Europeans bring into the NATO alliance ideas that are both heard and considered," Foreign Ministry spokesman Jurgen Moelleman said.

Leaders of the opposition Social Democrat Party also criticized the Gromyko statements. "The United States is our ally," said Egon Bahr, the Social Democrat's arms expert. "There would be no security in (Western) Europe without the United States."

Both government and Social Democrat officials said privately that Gromyko's comments appeared to be aimed at influencing voters in West Germany's national election.

Change in Pacific wind blamed for snow, drought

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — Severe weather ranging from a recent blizzard in the United States to the drought in Australia has been linked to the same unusual movement of air and water in the Pacific Ocean, say government scientists.

Researchers working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Wednesday that a vast oscillation of Pacific wind and water triggered the unusual changes in the weather. They say its impact is likely to be felt or has already been experienced in India, South America, Australia and many other places around the world.

This irregular movement, which has occurred eight times in the past 40 years, results from decreased westerly winds and warmer than normal ocean surface temperatures.

The results include a disastrous fishing season off western South America, torrential rains and severe flooding in Ecuador, prolonged drought in Australia, and a warmer and wetter winter in the south and east of the United States.

Ned A. Ostensio, NOAA assistant administrator for research, said the phenomenon is known as El Nino, a Spanish term pronounced "el nin-yo" for "the child." The weather change was so named

for the Christ child because it usually appears during the Christmas season off the northwest coast of South America.

Ostensio said the current El Nino is unusual in that weather scientists from NOAA, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department, predicted it after noticing changes in winds near Indonesia in early 1982.

"There is a constant energy transfer between the atmosphere and the oceans that drives the winds," Ostensio said in an interview. "Periodically, an instability develops that we don't fully understand and it shifts the equilibrium in the global atmosphere."

Slackening westerly winds, which normally blow across the equatorial Pacific and move warm surface waters, began the complex chain of events, said the weather specialist.

The warm water that normally moves west sloshed back and prevented colder waters from the depths from replacing it on the surface. Nutrient-rich colder waters carry food for many fish species, and lack of this upsurge off South America caused them to perish or disperse.

Warm surface water in the eastern equatorial Pacific also causes upper atmosphere changes in the northern Pacific that affect weather in North America.

U.K.'s fake gynecologist lands in jail

PRESTON, England, Feb. 25 (AP) — A high school biology teacher who set up a clinic and performed vasectomies and an abortion to fulfill his dream of becoming a gynecologist was sentenced Thursday to six years in prison.

Roy Grimshaw, 34, pleaded guilty to 11 charges, including performing an unlawful abortion, inflicting grievous bodily harm, forging prescriptions and obtaining money, blood and drugs by deception.

Prosecutor Richard Henriques told Preston Crown Court that from April last year until he was arrested in November, Grim-

shaw conducted at least 26 operations.

None of them was fatal, but some caused injury and all caused the patients substantial risk, Henriques said. Several patients developed complications that later had to be treated at local hospitals, he added. But none complained.

The sham practice was only discovered when Grimshaw was convicted of speeding in his Jaguar, Henriques said. One of the magistrates who let him keep his license because he said he was a doctor noticed him later at high school parent-teacher meeting had him arrested for perjury.



CAUGHT RED-HANDED: This burglar at top left had no luck when he attempted a burglary at a store in a Stockholm suburb. When making his getaway through the ventilation shaft he found himself stuck. A passerby heard his yelling for help and called the police who quickly came to the rescue. Here they are seen happily struggling to "free" the unlucky man. After one hour the police could finally call the mission accomplished. The burglar was liberated, but still not free. He will be facing charges in court.

Vietnam plan called a sham

PEKING, Feb. 25 (AP) — China's official Xinhua news agency said Thursday Vietnam's latest offer of a partial troop withdrawal from Cambodia is a sham aimed at sabotaging discussion of Cambodia at the nonaligned summit meeting.

Xinhua said the offer just before the nonaligned meeting in New Delhi is aimed at "escaping from condemnations by the non-aligned states, and asking them to renounce their solemn stand of calling for an immediate, unconditional and complete Vietnamese troop withdrawal from Kampuchea (Cambodia)."

It also said Vietnam was more comprehensive and harsh in setting preconditions for the partial troop withdrawal, including "removal of the nonexistent 'China threat'."

Xinhua said the Vietnamese sometimes "pulled out those wounded or 'unreliable' (troops) but at the same time sent in a great deal more."

"It was reported that some 20,000 soldiers were sent to Kampuchea last year just before a withdrawal was announced. At present, the invaders are setting up 'strategic villages' in the occupied areas as a means of further enslaving the Kampuchean people," Xinhua said.

"Under such circumstances, what is the use of Vietnam's repetition of its offer of conditional 'partial troop withdrawal'?" it asked.

Bishop seeks probe of Zimbabwe killings

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Feb. 25 (APF) — A leading clergyman called for an international inquiry into the continuing reports of the killing of hundreds of civilians by the army in southwest Zimbabwe.

The Anglican bishop of Matabeleland, Robert Mercer, told a meeting here that he was so concerned about accounts of killing of innocent rural people that he felt there should be an independent investigation.

"The situation requires an independent judicial-type inquiry by an international commission such as the Red Cross or Amnesty International into the alleged atrocities that have taken place," he said. Opposition leader Joshua Nkomo charged the army last month with killing, raping and beating civilians during its operations to control anti-government dissidents in the southwest.

Matabeleland province is the home of the Ndebele-speaking people who comprise some 20 percent of the population. They largely support Nkomo's opposition party.

The government has charged that they also support and aid the dissidents, who have killed about 100 persons, kidnapped six foreign tourists and carried out numerous robberies in protest at the government's sacking of Nkomo from the government and the arrest of his top military aides a year ago for allegedly plotting against the government.

Suharto chooses Umar as deputy

JAKARTA, Feb. 25 (AP) — President Suharto on Friday named Gen. Umar Wirahadikusumah, head of the state audit body, to replace Adam Malik as vice president of Indonesia.

Suharto met with leaders of the three major factions in the House of Representatives and the People's Consultative Assembly (MPR), who recommended Umar to Suharto.

Umar, 60, will be named vice president when the MPR meets March 1. Suharto said Umar's distinguished military career, and his ability to "cooperate" with the president and others, were factors in his selection.

The choice for Umar as the new vice president was made after Suharto accepted the factions' proposal to nominate him as president for another five-year term.

Suharto's re-election to a third term has been a foregone conclusion since the Golkar organization won a landslide victory of 64 percent over two opposition parties in the parliamentary election last May. Golkar controls two-thirds of the 920 seats in the MPR.

The choice of Umar came as a surprise to many Indonesians because he was not among the 11 names listed as candidates in the MPR, which included the wife of the president, Mrs. Tien Suharto, and various leading ministers.

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Kim Dae-Jung still debarred

Chun lifts ban on 250 politicians

SEOUL, South Korea, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — President Chun Doo-Hwan lifted a ban on political activity for 250 persons Friday, but Kim Dae-Jung and other prominent former politicians were not included.

A political "blacklist" issued in November 1980 named 567 persons, 12 of whom have since died. Friday's action left 305 on the list, which bars them from political activity until June 1988.

The 250 who were allowed to resume political activities immediately had "repented," according to Chun. They included 68 former lawmakers, 88 other former politicians, 12 professors and nine former government officials. Three of those granted political liberty are former members of the Democratic Republican Party, the now-disbanded party of the late President Park Chung-hee, and 98 are former opposition members.

Among the 68 former lawmakers are 34 former Democratic Republican Party members, 17 who were with the opposition, eight appointed lawmakers and nine others.

In announcing the measure, a government spokesman said President Chun's action stemmed from his "determination to provide the greatest possible opportunities for harmonious participation in national construction to those who, at this important national juncture, have repented even though they



President Chun Doo-Hwan was involved in the irregularities and confusion preceding the birth of the Fifth Republic.

The ban still affects the former leader of the dissolved opposition new Democratic Party (NDP), Kim Young-Sam, who has been under house arrest since June 1982. Kim was first placed under house arrest in May 1980, three days after the imposition of martial law following student rioting. He was released after 345 days but confined again after demanding direct presidential elections in an interview with *The New York Times*.

The third former presidential contender still banned is ex-prime Minister Kim Jong-Pil, former head of the government Democratic Republican Party (DRP), who donated his \$36 million fortune to the state in 1980 to avoid prosecution for corruption.

A government spokesman said the cases of other banned politicians would be reviewed in due course. He said the 250 now free to engage in political activity would be allowed to form their own parties or join the existing ones.

If a new party was to emerge it would dilute the opposition to President Chun's ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP) in general elections scheduled for 1985, political sources said.

The relaxation follows a visit to South Korea by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in January.

Madrid cutting armed forces to size

MADRID, Feb. 25 (R) — The Spanish Army will lose a quarter of its officers and more than a third of its men over the next five years under Socialist government plans announced for a more flexible and professional force.

Defense Minister Narcis Serra told a parliamentary commission Thursday of his plans for changes in army promotion, training, deployment and size, designed to bring the army into line with modern Western forces.

The first thorough reforms of the Spanish Army since the death of Gen. Francisco

Franco in 1975 also aim to depoliticize a force that has plotted a number of coup attempts in Spain's seven years of democracy, defense sources said.

Serra said he planned to cut the army by 90,000 men from the present 250,000 and to reduce the number of officers by a quarter. Promotion conditions would shift away from strict seniority toward merit and competition. A fixed pattern of troop assignment would be scrapped in favor of mobile deployment allowing rapid flexible response to any threat, he said.

About a quarter of the army, including the elite Brunete armored division, is positioned around Madrid, reflecting Franco's fears of internal unrest rather than concerns of national defense.

The move toward defensive planning would be reinforced by doubling the defense intelligence staff, Serra told the commission.

Conscripts will benefit from a reduction in military service by three months to between 12 and 15 months and from the chance to serve in their native region, reversing a policy of moving them to different areas, he said.

Argentina plans amnesty for servicemen

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 25 (R) — Argentina's military government is planning to issue an official explanation on how it cracked down on leftist guerrillas in the late 1970s, together with an amnesty for servicemen who may have committed human rights abuses during this ruthless campaign, military sources said.

The two measures would be announced simultaneously sometime next month, they added. The amnesty law would also contain provisions for lifting criminal charges against the guerrillas, the sources said.

The junta initiative is aimed at defusing one of the most politically explosive problems looming over Argentina's planned

return to democracy by March 1984 — the fate of up to 30,000 persons who disappeared during the anti-guerrilla campaign.

Human rights organizations say most of those people were detained and subsequently killed by the security forces, but the government maintains an official line that it has no knowledge of what happened to them.

According to reports in the Argentine press, the junta has been considering for some time the possibility of a "self-amnesty" to clear aside the problem of missing people before general elections due in October or November.

Local human rights groups have complained bitterly against such a move, saying

that the armed forces lack moral authority to absolve themselves of responsibility for acts which they themselves committed.

No amnesty law should be considered before the full truth of what happened to the disappeared is known, and only a democratically elected government could legitimately take such a step, the groups argue.

The military sources said the proposed armed forces document would be more an explanation of how and why the anti-guerrilla campaign had been carried out, rather than a detailed explanation of what happened to more than 7,000 persons officially listed, as missing by the human rights organizations.

Victory forecast for Abdou Diouf

DAKAR, Feb. 25 (AFP) — Outgoing Senegalese President Abdou Diouf is expected to have a trouble-free ride to victory in this weekend's general and presidential elections, the first since veteran statesman Leopold Senghor stood down from the presidency in favor of Diouf in January 1981.

Senegal's economy is in a rosier state today than it was at the time of the handover, when the situation was grim. Exports of groundnuts, the country's main revenue earner and the chief source of income for peasant farmers, had slumped to 200,000 tons from the usual annual production of about one million tons. World prices of phosphates, the second largest source of foreign exchange, had fallen through the floor, and the bill for imported oil had risen to the point where it was consuming more than one-third of the national budget.

When he took over office, Diouf immediately put into effect an economic recovery plan he had first put forward one year earlier, when he was still prime minister.

This involved wide-ranging cost-cutting, including staff cutbacks, which were followed by a general reorganization of the public sector and a review of public expenditure. The government obtained support from the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and such traditional friends as Saudi Arabia, France, Kuwait and Iraq to clear debts in the farming world and encourage greater production in all sectors, helped by a hike in government prices for the main products.

Diouf's expansion program was given a helping hand from the skies, with two years of regular rains aiding the harvest after successive years of drought. The incumbent is also in a strong position in purely political terms. Coming in the wake of Senghor, he was already well-placed, but Diouf has not hesitated to break from the political line of his predecessor, introducing reforms in the education sector and opening the multiparty political system to new groups.

The mushrooming of political parties has hardly served the interests of the opposition, which is going into the elections in disarray after wasting time looking for ways to attack the president's campaign. The opposition's main arguments have been poor economic management, an increasing foreign debt and dependence on foreign capital, and slowness in implementing social reforms.

Diouf's four opponents (none of whom is expected to win) are Abdoulaye Wade (Senegalese Democratic Party), Mamadou Dia (Popular Democratic Movement), Oumar Wane (Senegalese People's Party) and Mahemout Diop (African Independence Party). The president's Socialist Party, which has the support of leaders of all the country's Muslim fellowships, also benefits from an efficient party organization throughout Senegal, and is likely to retain a huge majority in the 120-seat National Assembly.

S. Africa denies slave labor

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 25 (AFP) — South Africa's education department Friday denied allegations by the Anti-Slavery Society of London that rural black children are forced to work long hours on white-owned farms for little or no remuneration.

Although black children in rural areas are not forced to attend school by law like their counterparts in black urban areas, there is no place anywhere in the country where white farmers are preventing their employees' children from attending school, department spokesman J. Schoeman said.

He said that in the past there had been "some opposition to this but these days it is general practice to do everything to help black children attend school once they have reached the school-going age."

Schoeman added that the number of black children attending schools in urban areas constituted the highest figure of school attendance in Africa. Meanwhile, however,

Planes test British near Falklands

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AP) — Argentine planes have been flying near the edge of Britain's 240-kilometer exclusion zone around the Falkland Islands to test how the British will respond, the Ministry of Defense said.

The flights by jet fighters and reconnaissance planes, eight months after Argentine invasion forces surrendered to the British, are "more an irritant" than a direct provocation, a ministry spokesman said.

But the 3,500-man British garrison left on the South Atlantic colony after last year's 74-day war is on special alert. Britain's Press Association news agency reported, quoting government sources.

The regular missions by Argentine aircraft are apparently "to keep the British on their toes," the sources said. The sorties coincide

with this week's celebrations by the 1,800 islanders of the 150th anniversary of British rule.

"It would have been a good opportunity for them, wouldn't it?" a ministry spokesman, who declined to be identified, told the Associated Press. Argentina disputes British sovereignty over the Falklands, which it calls the Malvinas, and the military government in Buenos Aires has refused to declare an end to hostilities with Britain even though the war ended last June 14.

Meanwhile, seven Polish seamen who jumped ship in the Falkland Islands last year and later helped Britain reclaim the islands have been granted asylum by the British Government, the Home Office announced Thursday.

BRIEFS

AMARILLO, Texas (R) — A condemned murderer screaming "shoot me" was shot in the chest Thursday when he slashed at a deputy U.S. marshal with a sharpened screwdriver during a court appearance, court officials said. Charles Rumbough, 25, was listed in critical condition at Northwest Texas hospital. Witnesses said Rumbough suddenly shouted "I've chosen my own form of execution," pulled the screwdriver from his clothes and ran at a deputy marshal, shouting "shoot me." The marshal did.

SEATTLE, Washington (AP) — Prosecutors charged two young men Thursday with aggravated first-degree murder in the bloody slayings of 13 persons at a Chinatown club, and said they would seek the death penalty. The killers methodically robbed and bound the victims, mainly middle-aged Chinese businessmen, then fired at least 30 shots in an effort to silence all witnesses, county prosecutor Norm Maleng alleges.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — Artificial heart patient Barney Clark was moved back to a private room Thursday, nine days

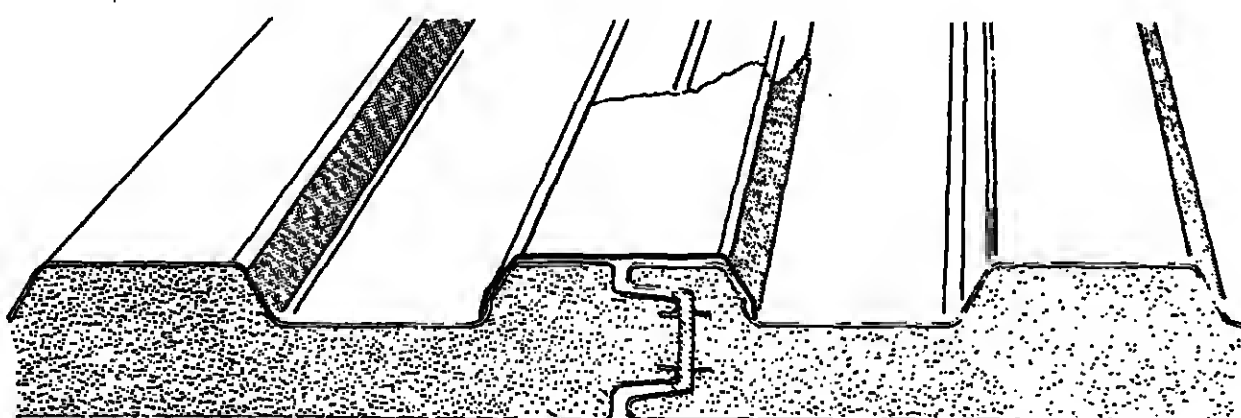
after being returned to intensive care with lung and kidney problems, and he called the change "terrific." Clark's doctors said he was "the healthiest patient on the acute-care unit and no longer needs intensive care therapy."

PORTLAND, England (R) — Two British warships collided in a fog in the English Channel Thursday during an exercise, crippling one ship, the navy said. Most of the 30 crewmen of the minehunter *Narvik* abandoned ship as water flooded into a gash in its side. But the captain and other officers stayed aboard in the *Narvik* was lashed to the second vessel, the anti-mine ship *Brackley*, to be towed, a navy spokesman said.

MOSCOW (AP) — Two members of Moscow's only independent peace group said they have decided to continue their fast for "peace and international trust" beyond the original five-day goal reached Thursday. Sergei Batovyn said in a telephone call to Western correspondents that he and Sergei Rosenov were determined to continue their fast indefinitely at a secret location in Moscow.

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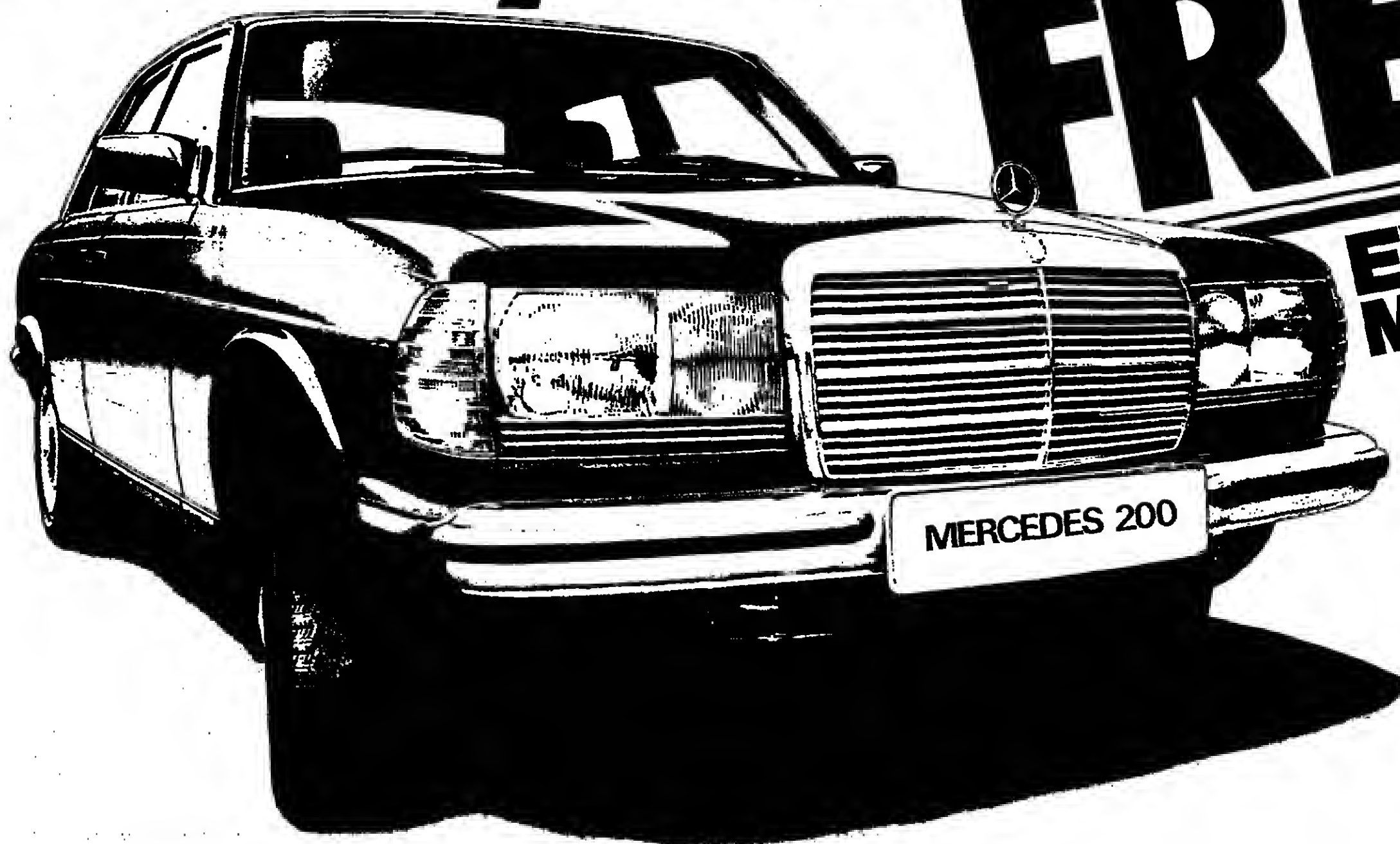


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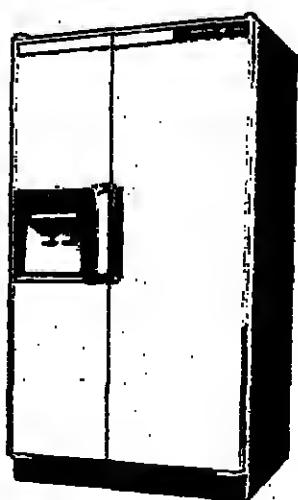
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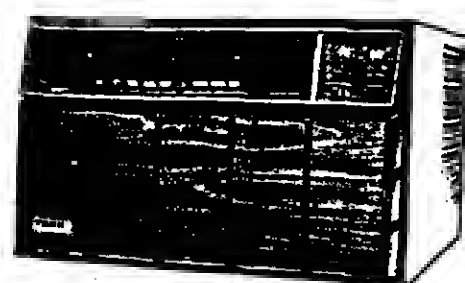
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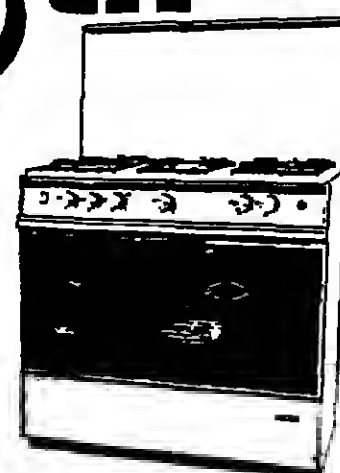
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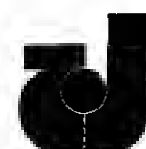
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After Sharma boosts tally

Indian bowlers keep West Indies in check

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 25 (AP) — Tight bowling and keen fielding made the West Indies fight hard for runs on the second day of their first cricket Test match against India here Thursday, and play ended with the honors even.

India, having recovered on the first day from a disastrous 127 for seven, totaled 251 in their first innings and the West Indies labored for just over four hours to be 149 for four wickets in reply.

A painstaking, undefeated 50 by opener Gordon Greenidge held the West Indies together after the Indians threatened to dominate proceedings on either side of tea. After an enterprising start by Greenidge's partner Desmond Haynes, who scored 25, was ended by a catch at midoff off Indian captain and fast bowler Kapil Dev, the West Indies appeared to be building the foundation of a large total of 83 for one in the last over before the tea interval.

However, with the first ball of that over, heavy-scoring Vivian Richards was caught at slip off left-arm spinner Ravi Shastri, who then removed Larry Gomes to a brilliant catch by Yashpal Sharma at short leg soon after the resumption. When Test newcomer Gus Logie was run out for 13 in a mixup with Greenidge, the West Indies were faltering at 114 for four with 50 minutes play remaining.

Greenidge remained steadfast, reaching his half century off the last ball of the day after four hours 10 minutes batting, while

captain Clive Lloyd, more aggressive, was 20 not out. Lloyd had one narrow escape when he lifted Shastri just out of the reach of long-girdler Anshum Gaekwad for six but, all in all, he has looked in tremendous form.

India, 219 for seven when play began, were all out for 251 after a start delayed by damage done to the pitch by the handle of the roller in pre-match preparation. That was repaired, causing a delay of 50 minutes, but caused no problems.

Yashpal Sharma and Balwinder Singh Sandhu, who had rescued India with their eighth-wicket partnership on the first day, eventually added a record 107 before Sandhu fell. Sandhu, who batted two and a half hours all told for a sterling 68, was caught at gully fending a bouncer from Andy Roberts off his chest. Roberts then claimed S. Venkatraghavan's wicket in unusual fashion — his helmet falling back onto his stumps as he attempted to hook.

Yashpal, who came in third wicket down, was last man out for a crucial 63 which provided the backbone to the innings and which lasted four and a half hours. Yashpal was caught at square-leg by Desmond Haynes off Joel Garner.

Andy Roberts, the 32-year-old West Indies veteran fast bowler, was the best bowler with four for 60. Friday is a rest day and the match resumes Saturday with the 50 minutes lost at the start Thursday to be compensated by additional play on subsequent days.

Gove strikes out of the cold

MIAMI, Florida, Feb. 25 (AP) — Obscure Mike Gove, who last year lost and then regained his PGA tour playing rights, scored two career "firsts" Thursday with a seven-under-par 65 and a tie for the first round lead in the \$300,000 Doral-Eastern Open Golf Tournament.

He shared the position with Ed Flori who, like Gove, toured the 7,065-yard Blue Monster Course at the Doral Country Club without a bogey. It was the lowest round of Gove's four-year tour career and marked the first time he'd led or shared the lead. To get it, he had to one-putt 11 times and pitch in once.

Lanny Wadkins had what he called "my best putting round of the year," on the way to a 66 that left him one stroke back of the co-leaders. Ken Green, who had the best tournament of his brief career last month in the Bing Crosby, dropped five putts from the 25-foot range — two of them for par — on the way to a 67.

Tom Kite, a winner and a runnerup in his last two starts, shot a four-under-par 68 in the near-ideal conditions. The weather was warm.

Macmillan aids Devils clip Red Wings

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (AP) — Bobby Macmillan's 200th career goal at 4:38 of the third period broke a 1-1 tie and sent the New Jersey Devils to a 4-1 National Hockey League victory over the Detroit Red Wings Thursday night. The win enabled the Devils to break an eight-game winless streak. Detroit is 16-23-13 and New Jersey is 12-37-13.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Mario Tremblay's 22nd and 23rd goals of the season propelled the Montreal Canadiens to a 6-3 victory over the Quebec Nordiques. The victory gave Montreal a 5-2-1 record in the season series against their provincial rival and virtually

Sullivan to strengthen Tyrrell team

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AFP) — The Tyrrell Formula One team has signed 32-year-old American Dany Sullivan as its second driver for the 1983 season, joining Italy's Michele Alboreto.

Boss Ken Tyrrell was widely expected to sign another Italian after clinching much-needed sponsorship from Italian clothing firm Benetton, but additional sponsorship generated by Sullivan persuaded Tyrrell to

and muggy with light breezes, much more gentle than the winds that traditionally lash the South Florida courses.

Jim Booroo and English-born Peter Oosterhuis also had 68s. Chen Tze-Chung of Taiwan and Australian-born David Graham were among 18 players with 69, who included defending titleholder Andy Bean. Britain's Nick Faldo had 70, and those at 71 included Gavin Levenson of South Africa, Denis Watson of Zimbabwe, Austrian-born Frank Conner, and Masahiro Kuramoto of Japan.

"A beautiful day, but the rough was tougher than I've ever seen on a South Florida course," said Jack Nicklaus, who included a double bogey-5 in his round of 70. Masters champion Craig Stadler matched par 72. PGA champion Ray Floyd, twice a winner of the title, shot 71. Rex Caldwell had a fat 76.

Meanwhile, heavy rains washed out the \$150,000 Hong Kong Open Golf Championships for the second day in-a-row, forcing organizers to limit the tournament to a two-day event.

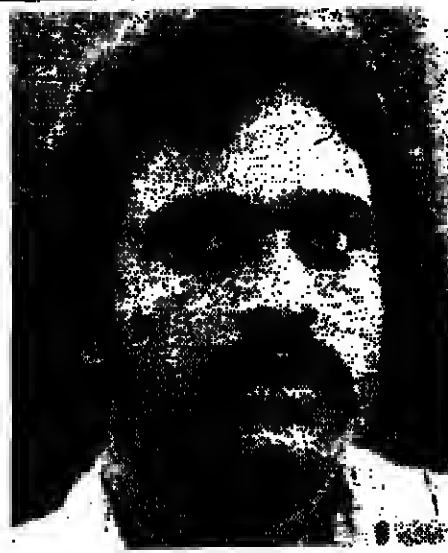
In Philadelphia, rookie Mark Taylor's goal from just outside the crease at 1:24 of the final period gave the Philadelphia Flyers a 5-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins. The victory was the 12th in the last 15 games (12-2-1) for the Flyers, now 23-3-2 in their last 28 games. The Penguins lost for the 22nd time in their last 25 games (2-22-1).

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hire the American rather than Corrado Fabi, the best of the Italian candidates.

Meanwhile, treacherous surfaces with up to six inches of soft snow and long stretches of sheet ice faced competitors in the Mintex International Rally, starting in York Friday. But Clerk of the course Jon Sharpe said the ice bound tracks in the Yorkshire forests which face the 76 crews in this year's rally were in tip-top "pristine" condition.



Sharma ... painstaking innings

Score-board	
India (1st innings):	
S. Gavaskar c Dujon b Marshall	20
A. Gaekwad c Dujon b Holding	1
M. Ananthath c Dujon b Garner	29
D. Vengsarkar c Richards b Roberts	30
Y. Sharma c Haynes b Garner	63
R. Shastri c Dujon b Holding	1
Kapil Dev c Marshall b Roberts	1
S. Kimmi c Dujon b Marshall	5
B.S. Sandhu c Garner b Roberts	68
S. Venkatraghavan lt. wkt. b Roberts	0
Maninder Singh not out	26
Extras	3
Total	251
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-58, 3-66, 4-98, 5-99, 6-104, 7-127, 8-234, 9-238.	
Bowling: Holding 24-5-57-2; Roberts 22-4-60-4; Garner 15-4-41-2; Marshall 16-5-35-2; Gomes 9-0-32-0; Richards 1-1-0-0.	
West Indies (1st innings):	
G. Greenidge batting	50
D. Haynes c Ananthath b Kapil Dev	25
V. Richards c Venkatraghavan b Shastri	29
L. Gomes c Yashpal b Shastri	4
A. Logie run out	13
C. Lloyd batting	20
Extras	8
Total (for 4 wickets)	149
Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-83, 3-91, 4-114.	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 14-3-28-1; Sandhu 5-1-16-0; Venkatraghavan 12-0-34-0; Maninder 17-1-37-0; Shastri 14-5-26-2.	

While Noah drops set to Leconte

LA QUINTA, California, Feb. 25 (AP) — Yannick Noah of France battled back from a second-set loss to take a 6-0, 4-6, 6-2 victory over countryman Henri Leconte in Thursday's rain-delayed third round of the \$255,000 Congoleum Classic Tennis Tournament.

In another match, unseeded Mike Bauer, who had knocked off Jimmy Connors in the second round, downed 12th seed Chris Lewis of New Zealand, 6-3, 6-4.

Noah, the tournament's second seed and defending champion, breezed through the opening set against Leconte, but lost the second when Leconte broke service in the deciding game.

The two Frenchmen each had won a game in the final set when rains hit the desert community, halting play for two hours. When the match resumed in the early evening, Noah won five of the next six games to capture the match.

In other matches Thursday, third-seeded Jose Higuera of Spain posted a 7-6, 6-4 triumph over Tom Gullickson, and Eliot Teltscher also moved into the quarterfinals with a 7-6, 6-0 victory over Jan Gunnarsson of Sweden. Sixth-seeded Sandy Mayer defeated No. 10 Raul Ramirez of Mexico, 7-5, 2-6, 6-3 in the final match of the day.

Meanwhile, Pavel Slozil, the hard-stroking Czech who surprised top-seeded Ivan Lendl in the opening round, turned back Sweden's Henrik Sundstrom 7-6, 1-6, 7-5 to move into the semifinals of the \$300,000 WCT Gold Coast tournament.

Eddie Dibbs, easily defeated Eric Fromm 6-2, 6-4 in the only other quarterfinal match of the day.

The 28-year-old Slozil won the opening set tie-breaker 7-3, but Sundstrom came back to win the second set with ease. Sundstrom moved out to a 5-3 lead in the final set before faltering.

Slozil broke the 18-year-old Sundstrom's service to cut the Swede's advantage to 5-4 and then held his own serve to even the match at 5-all. Slozil closed out the match by breaking Sundstrom in the 11th game and holding service in the 12th.

After a first set scare from 18-year-old Michael Westphal of West Germany, American Vitas Gerulaitis moved into the semifinals of the \$75,000 Kuwait Marriott International Open.

Gerulaitis faces third seed Magnus Tideman of Sweden in the semifinals. The other semifinal match pits second seed Heinz Gunthardt of Switzerland against unseeded Stanislav Birner of Czechoslovakia, who defeated India's Vijay Amritraj and fourth seed Rod Frawley of Australia to earn his berth in the select four.

In the Gerulaitis-Westphal match, the

Barker makes Shriver sweat

OAKLAND, California, Feb. 25 (AP) — Pam Shriver's strong serve-and-volley game enabled her to beat England's Sue Barker 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 Thursday night in the second round of the \$150,000 Virginia Slims of California Tennis Tournament.

The second-seeded Shriver, although sniffling with a bad cold, appeared strongest at the end of the two-hour match. She won the last five games and in two of them, on her serve, didn't lose a point.

The tall, 20-year-old from Maryland lost the first set tie-breaker game 7-4 after leading 3-1. Barker broke Shriver's serve just once, when she was behind 5-2 in the second set. In the final set, Barker committed double faults in each of the four games she served.

Shriver advanced to the quarterfinals and will play Sylvia Hanika of West Germany

young German used a big serve to take Gerulaitis into a tiebreaker. Gerulaitis gave Westphal a tennis lesson in the tiebreak to win the first set 7-6 (7-3) and then took total command in the second set at 6-1.

Gunthardt faced another youngster, 19-year-old Libor Pimek of Czechoslovakia, who reached the quarterfinals via the "lucky loser" route. His luck ran out against the more experienced Gunthardt as he went down 6-4, 6-4.

Tideman completed his second three-set victory in two days when he conquered Zoltan Kuharsky of Switzerland 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Frawley, the fourth seed, lost his match to the steady returns and passing shots of Birner, who coolly put him away 6-3, 6-4. In doubles, the only surviving seeds, Frawley and fellow Australian Brod Dyke beat Barker and Jose Lopez Mases 6-1, 6-4.

Friday night.

Another second-round winner Thursday was West Germany's Claudia Kohde, who defeated Catherine Tanvier of France 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

Kohde, 19, held a seemingly comfortable 5-2 lead over Tanvier in the third set, but she almost let the lead get away. Tanvier made it 5-4, and the last game went to deuce two times before Kohde held her serve to win.

On Wednesday night, Kohde upset third-seeded Hana Mandlikova 1-6, 6-3, 6-3. This is the third straight year she has reached the quarterfinals of the Oakland Tournament.

Kohde's opponent in Friday's quarterfinal will be Swiss-Born Bettina Bunge, 19, who now lives in Florida. Bunge beat Czech player Helena Sukova 6-1, 6-4 in a second-round match Thursday.

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With clubs standing united in goal

English soccer set to shun TV

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AFP) — English Football League club chairmen Thursday unanimously threw out TV's offer for televised soccer and said they were prepared for a black-out next season.

At an extraordinary general meeting here the chairmen voted 52-0 against the two-year contract proposed by the television companies, but they left the door open for new talks.

"We are only too keen to cooperate with them, but we must have decent terms. If there is no interest, there will be no football on TV next season," said League President Jack Dunnett.

The TV companies offered 2,671,000 pounds (over \$19 million) a year for 26 live

League matches plus midweek Milk Cup games. They refused to allow shirt advertising and this week Cliff Morgan and John Bromley, respective heads of sport at BBC and ITV, claimed they could not offer a penny more.

Dunnett believes it is up to the TV companies to make the next move. "We are still willing to meet them at any time they like," he said. "But not a single club wanted the present offer. I have never known such unanimity."

A black-out would lose clubs huge sums of advertising and sponsorship revenue, but Dunnett said they were prepared for that. "All the clubs took the view that they would risk a black-out if they did not get decent

terms," he said.

Dunnett ruled out the possibility of a breakaway by bigger clubs who could arrange their own deal with the TV companies.

The First Division chairmen held their own gathering before the meeting and were again unanimous in their rejection of the TV offer. Brian Winston, chairman of Third Division Orient and a member of the League's TV subcommittee, said: "My club could survive without TV's money and I think most others could too."

Winston said he hoped to be talking with the TV companies again within days. "They now know the unanimous feeling of football and we can go on from there. No negotiations have ever been tackled at the first attempt," he said.

Although both the League and television sports executives left the way open for more talks about a fresh deal to screen soccer, it seemed unlikely that the gap between the two sides would be bridged.

The League chairmen threw out the joint BBC-ITV package which would have offered one live match each weekend from the start of October, live coverage of the Milk Cup final and recordings of seven Cup ties and two recorded League matches each weekend for the last six weeks of the season.

BBC and ITV claimed that the deal was worth about 16 percent more than the current agreement and would, as the League had wanted, mean less soccer exposure on television. The League was looking for a deal worth about six million pounds, according to Dunnett.

John Bromley, chairman of ITV sport, said: "We are obviously disappointed, but it's the League's right not to sell their product on television. 'I personally think they are unwise and obviously face the danger of other sports taking over the football slots and keeping them. There is genuinely no more money available.'"

Cliff Morgan, head of outside broadcasts at BBC TV and Bromley, in charge of negotiations for ITV, both said earlier this week that if the league threw out their joint offer they hoped the way would stay open for further talks.

French soccer in financial crisis

PARIS, Feb. 25 (R) — French professional soccer, in severe financial crisis despite growing crowds and World Cup successes last year, has appealed to Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy for help.

In an open letter to Mauroy, the national league asked for an early meeting to discuss financial burdens faced by clubs, especially a recent increase in compulsory social security payments from 25 percent of salaries to 30 percent. League administrator Jacques Thebaud told reporters: "Eight clubs have already filed for bankruptcy, others face the risk of it. Some clubs are behind in their payments. The problem cannot go on forever."

In addition to social security payments and normal income tax, clubs must also pay a form of entertainment tax. Thebaud said the latest figures available, for the 1980-1981 season, showed league clubs had a total deficit of between \$2.9 and 4.3 million. Although attendance has improved significantly at First Division matches this season, one official said: "Despite that, clubs are in desperate straits."

This season clubs will gain some benefit from France's feat in finishing fourth in the 1982 World Cup finals. Each First Division club will receive \$55,000 from a pool set up by the French Football Federation to handle the income from sponsorships and television broadcasts.



NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division					Midwest Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	47	7	.870	—	San Antonio	34	22	.607	—
Boston	40	15	.727	7½	Kansas City	28	26	.519	5
New Jersey	35	20	.636	12½	Denver	27	30	.474	7½
New York	26	29	.473	21½	Dallas	26	29	.473	7½
Washington	25	29	.463	22	Utah	19	38	.333	15½
					Houston	10	46	.179	24
Central Division					Pacific Division				
Milwaukee	37	19	.661	—	Los Angeles	47	13	.785	—
Atlanta	26	29	.473	10½	Portland	34	22	.607	7½
Detroit	26	30	.464	11	Phoenix	34	23	.596	8
Chicago	20	36	.357	17	Seattle	31	25	.554	10½
Indiana	16	39	.291	20½	Golden State	23	33	.411	18½
Cleveland	14	41	.255	22½	San Diego	20	37	.351	22

Clippers crush Celtics

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (AP) — Sure, the Boston Celtics had played five games in eight days on the west coast and might be expected to let down after beating the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers one night earlier.

But is that any excuse to lose by 15 points in the San Diego Clippers, who until January were among the biggest pushovers in the National Basketball Association? "We don't have to hang our heads," Boston coach Bill Fitch said after the 122-107 defeat Thursday night. "The way they played tonight, even if we had had a week's rest, they might have won."

Elsewhere in the NBA, Atlanta beat Detroit 116-107, Milwaukee defeated Houston 114-103, Denver outlasted Seattle 138-129 and Phoenix stopped Utah 110-103.

Just as the Celtics got key contributions from several players in beating Los Angeles on Wednesday night, the Clippers' victory was a team effort. Rookie Terry Cummings led the way with 25 points and 14 rebounds, center Bill Walton shot 10-for-14 and had 22 points and five blocked shots, guard Lionel Hollins scored 24 points and veteran reserve Randy Smith was 6-for-7 for 14 more.

Bucks 114, Rockets 103: Sidney Moncrief scored a career-high 42 points as Milwaukee banded Houston its seventh straight loss. Moncrief had 18 points in the first period, but it took a pair of 20-footers by Junior Bridgeman in the final minute of the first half to give the Bucks a 60-59 lead at intermission.

Hawks 116, Pistons 107: Johnny Davis, who didn't play until Jan. 2 because of a contract dispute with Indiana, played his best game of the year, hitting 10 of 16 shots and scoring 24 points for Atlanta against Detroit.

Nuggets 138, Sonics 129: Dan Issel scored 30 points and Alex English added 24 as Denver outlasted Seattle. The game was tied 69-69 at halftime, but the Nuggets shot 63 percent from the field and outscored the Sonics 39-25 in the third period to take control of the game.

Suns 110, Jazz 103: Larry Nance scored 15 of his 23 points in the first quarter and Phoenix held on to beat Utah, which lost for

the 13th time in 14 games. The Suns led 41-27 after Nance's first-period outburst, but the Jazz rallied to take their only lead of the game, 98-97, in the fourth period. A basket by Alvan Adams gave Phoenix the lead for good.

Meanwhile, Billy of Italy beat Cibona of Zagreb 95-92 (60-47) in Zagreb Thursday night in the eighth round of the finals of the European Basketball Champions' Cup. Top scorers for the Italian team were B. Boselli 22, Gianelli 20, and D'Antoni 16. The match was played before 3,000 fans in the sports hall in this Croatian capital.

Fossati-Nati bout ends in a thrilling tie

BOLOGNA, Italy, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — European bantamweight champion Giuseppe Fossati of Italy Thursday night retained his title after a scrappy but hard-fought bout against his fellow-countryman Valerin Nati was declared a draw by judges.

Fossati, 29, making his second defense of the title he took from Nati last April, had to fight off a furious onslaught from his small but stocky opponent in the opening rounds of the fight but began to take decisive control in the closing stages. Nati, 27, giving away both height and reach, tried from the opening bell to force his way through Fossati's guard, raining combinations of jabs and hooks on his opponent.

But the champion, slippery as an eel and dodging from side to side, proved a difficult target for the challenger, who gradually ran out of steam. By the end of the fight Nati, increasingly swollen-faced as the champion's lunging jabs found their mark with greater frequency, had very little fight left in him. The audience seemed barely surprised when the judges declared the fight a draw with each boxer scoring 34½ points.

Meanwhile, British light-middleweight boxer Lloyd Christie inflicted a first defeat on unbeaten French hope Said Skouma when he scored a ten rounds points victory at the Coubertin Stadium in Paris.

Skouma, who had won his previous nine contests inside the distance, was always in trouble against the British boxer who scored well with sharp left hooks and win came close to stopping his opponent in the eighth round.

And French middleweight champion Stephane Ferrara notched up his 19th victory in 21 contests when he outpointed American opponent Johnny Heard over ten rounds.

In New York Pedro Laza, a Cuban fighting out of Miami, Florida, will replace Claude Noel for a 10-round lightweight fight against Cornelius Boza-Edward of Britain, the former World Boxing Council (WBC) super featherweight champion, it was announced.

Jones may return to the wheel

PARIS (AP) — Former world driving champion Alan Jones of Australia, who abandoned Formula One racing at the end of the 1981 season, may make a comeback this year, the French sports daily L'Equipe reported Friday. The newspaper said the Arrows team had asked the International Auto Sports Federation for a license on Jones' behalf and had been in contact with the driver since mid-January.

Lewis out for double
NEW YORK (AP) — American track star Carl Lewis shoots for one of his top goals Friday night — winning the 60-yard dash and the long jump in the USA-Mobil Indoor Track and Field Championships at Madison Square Garden. Lewis, the world's top-ranked sprinter and along jumper, will be vying to become only the second athlete to win the 95-year history to win both events. The first was Barney Ewell in 1945.

Bilardo succeeds Menotti
BUENOS AIRES (AFP) — The new manager of Argentina's national football team, succeeding Cesar Luis Menotti, is to be the coach of the country's champion club, Carlos Bilardo, having led Estudiantes de La Plata to the title, has signed a three-year contract with the National Football Federation.

IFA plea for Shergar



DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — The Irish Farmers' Association asked its 150,000 members Thursday to join in the hunt for Shergar, the 10 million pound (\$13 million) superstallion stolen 16 days ago from an Irish stud farm. The association issued a statement calling on Irish farmers to set aside Tuesday and Wednesday of next week to check their land and outbuildings for the missing racehorse.

Spassky well placed
LINARES, Spain (AFP) — Former world champion Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union looked as though he might pip his compatriot and current world champion Anatoly Karpov for the title in the International Chess Tournament which ends here Friday. Victory over Yaser Seirewan of the United States in an adjourned match Thursday enabled Spassky to lift his points total to six, and go into his final match against Gyula Sax of Hungary on Friday half-a-point clear of Karpov.

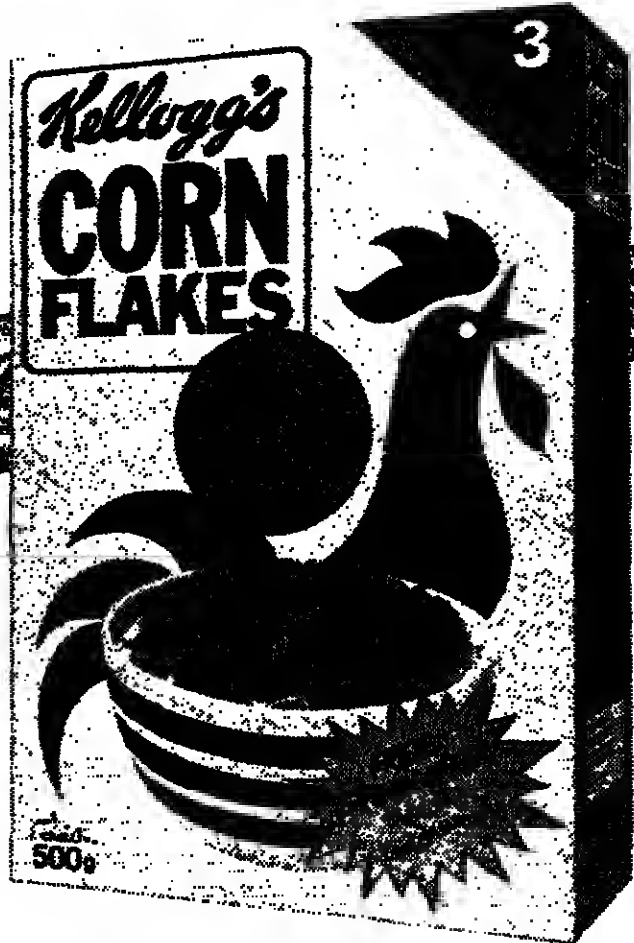
Wales keeps same team
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PALESTINIAN HOMELAND

Alarm signals were triggered around the world Thursday when the White House released details about remarks made by President Reagan indicating that the Palestinians need a "homeland," but that does not mean they need a "nation." The president even went so far as to proclaim that, "on the other hand, no one has ever advocated creating a nation."

Perhaps, President Reagan over-advocated creating a "nation" for the Palestinians, but his statement that "no one has," indicates his ignorance of the basic problem involved in obtaining peace in the Middle East — or does it? This is one topic all Americans, including the president would prefer to avoid, because unrest came to the Middle East only after the United States decided to support Israel at any cost and at the same time deprive the Palestinians and the Arab world of their legitimate rights in their own land.

Anyone with even a little knowledge about the Arab and Palestinian viewpoint realizes that the central point of the crisis revolves around the return of Palestinian and Arab lands taken illegally by Israel. Of course, such action could not have been carried out without financial and military assistance from the United States, so perhaps Reagan has a better grasp of the situation than he is letting on.

Recent occurrences in the Middle East have, it appears, resulted in a political coup for the Reagan administration. The president's reactions to any eventuality were probably mapped by presidential advisers far in advance who have enabled the president to play the whole situation like a complicated but very predictable game of chess.

In any case, why not a "nation" for the Palestinians? Why is Reagan or any American leader shying away from the concept of statehood for the people of the Palestine who have been deprived of their country by the Israelis and their supporters? The Palestinians had been a prosperous, homogeneous nation for thousands of years even during foreign domination which ended when the British gave up their mandate in 1948. Since then, they have had no state of their own while Israel has seized all of Palestine, parts of Syria, much of Lebanon and neutralized Egypt.

The peace formula for the region contained in the Reagan plan was welcomed by many Arabs on the basis of a number of positive elements which might be favorably considered if the U.S. government showed genuine enthusiasm and drive to bring peace to the Middle East. The recent Palestine National Congress did not reject the plan outright but merely described it as "inadequate" because it failed to include a right to self-determination which no self-respecting Palestinian will agree to forego.

Regrettably some of the goodwill and admiration that Reagan has won through his plan might now be eroded by his hasty denial that he even considered a Palestinian nationhood.

Perhaps, after all Reagan had in mind some kind of "reservation" akin to those devised for the Red Indians.

Saudi Arabian press review

Newspapers Friday stressed the importance of joint Arab action to ensure progress, development and welfare all over the world.

Referring to the recent meeting of Arab economic and financial ministers and experts to adopt a joint strategy on setting up Arab joint projects, *Al-Madinah* described the move as a constructive step toward ensuring Arab self-reliance. It urged additional Arab cooperation and coordination to all fields to realize common objectives and aspirations.

Okaz urged a long-term oil strategy to safeguard OPEC unity and preserve stability of the international economy. Referring to the current consultations by OPEC member states in Riyadh, it called on the organization's ministers to work out a unified policy on

oil price and production quotas to avert an outbreak of a price war.

The paper warned of future repercussions among OPEC members and advised deviationist states to resort to reason and adhere to the organization's collective policy to preserve its role as an economic power capable of maintaining the stability of international economy.

Al-Jazirah said the authority and confidence given by the Palestine National Council (PNC) to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat will make Arab and international efforts to resolve the Palestinian problem easier than ever. The paper said "the Palestinian revolution's clear-cut support for these efforts will make them more effective." (SPA)

Nigeria's mysterious fires may become poll issue

By John Chiahemen

LAGOS — A series of fires in major public buildings has dismayed Nigerians and, with the Lagos rumor mill working overtime, could have political repercussions in an election year.

Within the last three years, mysterious fires have destroyed about a dozen public buildings, including a block that housed the Nigerian Ministry of External Affairs and the six-story headquarters of the Ministry of Education. An official inquiry blamed the External Affairs Ministry fire a year ago on unknown people attempting "to destroy vital evidence pertaining to the accounts to the ministry — in order to cover up fraud."

Since publication of the inquiry report, Nigerians now automatically link fires in government buildings to fraud and arson. In their anger, few appear willing to concede that a fire at a public place could have been an accident. Two recent fires — one at the country's half-built capital of Abuja and another in Lagos — appear destined to become political issues in an election year in which the gov-

ernment has launched a so-called ethical revolution against corruption.

Last December, a fire destroyed the accounts department of the Federal Capital Administration, which is supervising the building of Abuja in the heart of the country. A few days before the fire, newspapers widely reported that \$21 million had disappeared from the accounts of the department.

The administrator of Abuja and four senior colleagues have since been charged with fraud, following a high-level police investigation ordered by President Shugu Shagari. There has been no suggestion they were linked to arson. Opposition parties have tied to make political capital out of the fires and their newspapers have been portraying the incidents as symptoms of a corrupt federal government.

On Jan. 24, Lagos residents watched helplessly as the city's tallest building and headquarters of the Nigerian External Telecommunications Company (NET) was engulfed by a fire that temporarily paralyzed the nation's telecommunications links with the outside world. Two persons died in the blaze, one of them a woman who jumped from one of the

upper floors of the 36-story building.

NET had been the object of fraud investigations for nearly a year and government officials immediately announced they suspected the fire at the company to be the work of NET officials trying to bury evidence of their guilt. Communications Minister Audu Ogbeh said on television on the night of the fire that the NET management had received anonymous threats last year that the building would be burned. Managers then stationed firemen on permanent duty at the premises but they were withdrawn a few weeks before the fire, he added.

Rumors of arson sparked off student demonstrations in Lagos the following day, the first against the Shagari government. The police charged 21 persons with murder and arson in connection with the NET incident, and this is likely to keep the issue alive well into this year's presidential, national and state elections.

Three of the accused, the country's chief fire officer, a senior Interior Ministry official and a columnist on the independent *Concord* newspaper, were released after a Lagos high court ruled last week that a magistrate's court which remanded

them in custody was not competent to hear the case.

The chief fire officer was accused in court by police of accepting along with a senior Interior Ministry official, \$75,000 bribe to withdraw firemen on permanent station at the NET building to allow the arson attempt to go ahead. Eighteen others, similarly accused by the court, were promptly rearrested and then released on bail.

Some supporters of the Shagari administration said before the 21 were charged that they believed the NET fire was the work of opponents of the administration trying to tarnish its image. A fire at a radio station in the eastern city of Enugu early this year was also blamed on politically-motivated arson. Spokesmen of the Anambra state government, owners of the station, said they suspected the fire was started by political opponents, wanting to silence the voice of the government.

Political analysts say the increasing number of arson threats being reported in newspapers will probably have political effect in the run-up to this year's elections. They predicted the government would step up pressure on public institutions to reduce the danger of corruption scandals. (R)

Bush receives high marks for delicate European diplomacy

By Michael Getler

WASHINGTON — Vice-President George Bush's trip through Europe this month to rally support for President Reagan's arms-control proposals proved much about Bush, but not much about whether the world is heading for arms control or more arms race.

The trip demonstrated that the political skills that brought Bush from a political nowhere to the vice presidential nomination in 1980 are still sharp — and can be used on a delicate diplomatic mission. The vice president, who by choice dwells largely in the shadows of this administration, carried off a tricky assignment for the president at a particularly sensitive time in U.S.-European relations. Such a demonstration of his skills can only help Bush inside the administration — and could conceivably enhance his political future as well.

Reagan is known as "the great communicator," but his specialty is set-piece speeches. Bush, in a string of press conferences in seven European capitals, showed himself to be better than his boss at dealing with complicated and sensitive questions about atomic weapons — the kinds of questions that have tripped up President Reagan in the past. The vice president was quick and articulate in handling

or avoiding questions whose answers can cause higher and more damaging headlines in a nuclear-sensitized European press than most Americans realize.

The skills Bush demonstrated are important in Europe. The often careless rhetoric about nuclear war and atomic weapons that came from the Reagan administration during its first year in office scared the populations in many allied countries and allowed an image of Reagan to develop as a trigger-happy cowboy. It is an image that the Soviets have sought to reinforce. Bush's mission to the allied capitals was meant in part to undo that portrait.

West Europeans are used to parliamentary systems where government leaders must be prepared to respond instantaneously to colleagues' questions without a prepared text in front of them. It is a system that requires leaders to demonstrate a clear mastery of issues. By demonstrating a comparable talent in his public appearances in Europe, Bush no doubt reassured Europeans while enhancing the image of the administration.

"The flying ambassador," as Italy's influential, left-of-center newspaper *La Repubblica* put it, "is not obscured by the president's shadow."

In London's ancient Guild Hall, Bush drew

applause from a large audience after he asked a challenger from England's leading disarmament organization: "Do you think we don't want peace? Do you think we care less than others about nuclear war?" It was a succinct way to put one side of the argument about the best way to avoid war. Bush's point was that military balance, even if it meant lots of weapons, was one way to keep the peace and that such a view did not mean that those who support it are any less concerned about nuclear war than those demonstrating against it.

Moments later, a young man rose from the audience to ask about small battlefield atomic weapons, limited nuclear war in Europe and whether the dilemma for Europeans was to "surrender or size." Bush smiled and said "I'm not even going to repeat your question." It was answers to similar questions by Reagan, Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger and former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig early in 1981 — all of which suggested that war could be limited to Europe — that created the Reagan administration's image problem in Europe.

So in public, Bush played the role of an effective public relations man for the Reagan administration. In private, there is also reason to believe Bush handled himself well in his meetings with European

leaders. His greatest accomplishment may well have been avoiding saying too much or asking too many questions.

Bush went to Europe by Reagan mostly to listen to what allied leaders had to say about the vexing and politically explosive problem of trying to eliminate or limit the deployments of Soviet and American medium-range, nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles.

From what can be learned about these confidential talks, Bush did mostly listen, and the Europeans did not have too much specific to say. In effect, he didn't try to pry out of the Europeans the kind of message that might have put a lot of immediate pressure on Reagan to change his position in the deadlocked arms talks with the Soviets at Geneva.

That Reagan position is called the zero option. It calls for the Soviets to dismantle all 600 or so of their existing medium-range missiles in return for the United States foregoing the future deployment of 846 new missiles. The Soviets have flatly rejected this solution, and there seems no chance they will ever accept it. Everybody in Europe knows this, and knows that only a compromise agreement is feasible.

This fundamental fact of diplomatic life leads to the paradox of the Bush trip to Europe: because it was successful as a public-relations venture, it could wind up making an agreement with the Soviets even harder to achieve. (WF)

OAU rift threatens nonaligned conference

By Alastair Matheson

NAIROBI — Failure by a 12-nation "contact group" to find a way of healing rifts in the Organization of African Unity is viewed with concern not only in several

Letter to the editor

Muslim youth

Sir,

I had the opportunity to visit a good number of Muslim countries around the globe during which I came across different sections of people such as students, civil servants and businessmen. But with deep sorrow, I noticed how badly we lack in intellectual development, though we have material growth.

In fact, Muslims as a whole are quite ignorant of the living conditions of their brethren around the globe. Our people always give preference to their personal and physical interest due to lack of intellectual development. But there are certain things other than personal and physical needs which make life more meaningful, interesting and worth living. We need something in addition to schools, colleges and universities.

This is certainly quite an alarming problem which is slowly and steadily destroying the very basic texture of the social values of the Muslims as a whole.

May I draw the attention of every sincere individual to this issue? I also appeal to the highest authority in every Muslim country to ponder on the point to do something to improve the Muslim youth. I shall be grateful if valuable suggestions are given on this matter.

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African capitals but also among the organizers of the nonaligned conference due to open in New Delhi March 7.

Even before the contact group of seven African heads of state, two prime ministers and three other delegates met in Nairobi last Friday, the Indian government had sent envoys to a number of African capitals with a plea that the issues bringing the OAU to the point of near-collapse should not be allowed to spill over into the nonaligned conference, at which many African leaders will be present.

The Indian prime minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, is afraid that arguments over the recognition of the Polisario freedom movement as the legitimate government of the disputed Western Sahara, and the question of who should be recognized as the legitimate ruler of Chad, could dominate debate in New Delhi, leaving insufficient time for important matters like Afghanistan, Kampuchea, disarmament, refugees, superpower politics and economic problems.

The decision of the OAU's 12-nation committee to delay until May or June a third attempt to convene the OAU's summit in Addis Ababa, without producing any possible solutions to issues which prevented a quorum in Tripoli last year, means that during private talks at the nonaligned conference, African leaders are likely to take fresh individual initiatives which could prove embarrassing to the host government, as well as disrupting the meeting itself.

On the eve of the latest Nairobi meeting, Polisario announced it would not stay away from future OAU summits. In Tripoli last November, the Polisario did stay away to improve chances of reaching a quorum but despite that "empty chair" gesture, the summit foundered over who should be regarded as the representative of Chad. The insistence of Libya's Col. Muammar Qaddafi that his ally, Goukouni Oueddi, should be seated rather

than the man who ousted him, Hissene Habre, was what finally caused the second attempt to fail.

No one seriously expected much progress at last week's Nairobi meeting because 10 of the delegations supported the Polisario. Their countries had all backed OAU Secretary-General Edem Kodjo last February when he took the surprising decision to admit the Polisario delegation to the OAU as its fifty-first member under the title of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic.

Not one of the states which walked out in protest at this action, and subsequently boycotted several OAU conferences, was represented on the 12-nation committee. Nigeria, one of the committee members, avoided taking sides out of a desire to preserve African unity, while Kenya's President Moi, host and chairman of the meeting, also took a neutral stance.

There is thus every possibility that even though Addis Ababa is the venue for the next attempt to hold the summit — rather than Libyan capital, Tripoli — that attempt will also fail to muster the required quorum of 34 states. Already, Egypt has announced that it wants a freeze on the Western Sahara issue. About the only thing now certain is that even if the long-delayed nineteenth summit finally does get under way in Addis Ababa, and Col. Qaddafi finally gets the 1982 OAU chairmanship — as intended if the summit had opened on schedule in Tripoli — he will be able to retain it for only a couple of months before it is time to surrender it to Guinea's President Sekou Toure for the 1983-1984 OAU year.

This should delight the Reagan administration in Washington, which had dreaded the prospect of the unpredictable Libyan leader turning up in New York last autumn to address the U.N. General Assembly in the role of Mr. Africa — with the full authority of his OAU chairmanship behind him. (LOS)

Today is Saturday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 1983. There are 308 days left in the year.
Highlights in history on this date:
1531 — Earthquake in Portugal kills tens of thousands of people and flattens much of Lisbon and other cities.
1623 — Dutch massacre English colonists at Ambon, Indonesia.
1815 — Napoleon Bonaparte escapes from Island of Elba.
1832 — Polish constitution is abolished by Russia's Czar Nicholas I.
1871 — Preliminary peace of Versailles between France and Germany is signed.
1918 — German planes bomb Venice, Italy, during World War I.
1952 — Winston Churchill announces that Britain has produced its own atomic bomb.
1967 — Five U.S. warships bomb supply lines and munitions depot on North Vietnam coast.
1969 — U.S. President Richard Nixon makes unprecedented appearance before West German Bundestag in Bonn and stresses need to maintain Western strength.
1978 — Israeli cabinet decides to continue policy of establishing Israeli settlements in occupied Arab territory.
1979 — U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown and Egyptian Secretary James Schlesinger say United States is prepared to use military force to protect Gulf oil from Middle East.
Thought for today:
The golden age only comes to men when they have forgotten gold — G.K. Chesterton, English author (1874-1936).

Interview with Dr. Geza Fehervari

Mihrab -- a doorstep to the world beyond, a gateway to eternity

By Haroon Segich

JEDDAH — One of the most compelling attributes of Islamic civilization is its architectural splendor. Most of this splendor has been preserved in mosques. Many non-Muslims feel attracted at first, not to the religious content of Islam, but rather, to its art and, most particularly to its architecture. Visitors to Fez or Tunis, Istanbul or Cairo are invariably swept away by the unique beauty of the traditional areas of these cities, dominated as they are by the domes and minarets of the mosques. The Qarawiyyan mosque in Fez, the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, the Mosque of Sultan Hassan in Cairo, the Jama Zaitoon of Tunis and the Mosque of Cordoba in Spain have captured the imagination of countless numbers of people, Muslim and non-Muslim alike, by the majesty and the beauty of their design. Even in the remote village of Abique, New Mexico, 40 persons travel hundreds of miles every week just to see the simple but spectacular mosque of Dar Al Islam designed by Islam's greatest living traditional architect, Dr. Hassan Fathy.

Inevitably, these people — the seekers, the curious, lovers of beauty, scholars and artisans — are all drawn to what is usually a rounded niche set into one wall of every mosque. This niche is called the mihrab. It is one of the elements in mosque architecture which distinguishes it from almost any other building, sacred or secular. It is also the focus of the communal life of the mosque, for it is the place where the imam leads the congregation in prayer facing Makkah, wherein lies the Ka'aba. Yet, curiously, very few Muslims know much about the mihrab other than its most functional aspects. The more profound meanings and the history of the mihrab — the niche of prayer — have received scant attention from contemporary scholars. So, when a non-Muslim has the rare occasion to step inside a mosque, more often than not, his or her questions about its most intriguing element remain unanswered.

One scholarly gentleman decided some 30 years ago to set out to redress this state of affairs and, after pursuing his subject from Morocco to Afghanistan, is today possibly the greatest living authority on the mihrab. Dr. Geza Fehervari was born in Hungary in 1924. He read Arabic and archaeology at Eotvos Lorant University in Budapest beginning in 1948 under the guidance of the great Hungarian Muslim Arabist, Hajji Abdul Karim Julius Germanns. This was the beginning of a lifelong love affair with Islamic civilization, its art and culture. After the 1956 revolution, Dr. Geza emigrated from Budapest to Vienna and began work on his doctoral dissertation under the late Professor Karl Swoboda at the University of Vienna. Soon he moved on under a scholarship to the school of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at London University to complete his thesis entitled, "The Origin

and development of the Mihrab Down to the 13th Century". He received his PhD from SOAS in 1961 and has remained there as a lecturer and research fellow until now, teaching Islamic art and archaeology.

The passionate enthusiasm Dr. Geza has for his subject, particularly his specialty, is infectious and has reawakened the love and appreciation of the cultural heritage of Islam in many young Muslim students from the Near and Middle East. One such student from Saudi Arabia was so enthralled by Dr. Geza's lectures that he convinced Dr. Abdullah Nasif, the chancellor of King Abdul Aziz University to invite him to visit and lecture in the Kingdom.

Dr. Geza arrived recently to conduct a series of lectures on Islamic art and architecture at King Abdul Aziz University in Jeddah. By chance, I met him on the night of his arrival and I could immediately sense the excitement and anticipation of a man who has spent his life imbibing the history and culture of Islam and who has finally reached its source. I said, "Welcome to the Kingdom, Professor." He responded, bristling with excitement, "It is so wonderful to walk on this holy ground!"

It was not until after I attended a lecture at the media center of the University on mihrab that I realized just how interesting this arcane subject really is. So, at the end of the talk I cornered Dr. Geza and asked him if he would consent to an interview. He graciously agreed and this is what resulted:

Q. Professor, what brought you to the study of the mihrab?

A. That is a long story! I started working on the mihrab almost 30 years ago. I always considered Islamic architecture as the foundation of art historical studies and, of course, within Islamic architecture it is the religious building that survives. The private dwellings — the secular buildings — did not really survive, apart from a few, like the Umayyad palaces. Now, in religious architecture what is the most important, the most venerated, the most holy place within a mosque? The mihrab. So, I started wondering: What do we know about the mihrab? Why is there such a mihrab and if there is a mihrab, why has it got such a shape and decoration as it has in Turkey? Or Syria? Or The Maghrib? So I began looking into these questions and then I discovered that we know very little about it. So I became more and more fascinated and I began my research on the subject.

Q. What did you find out?

A. That is another long story! I produced a three-volume thesis on the subject which I submitted to London University in 1961 and, hopefully, I intend to write a book on the subject.

Q. Could you give us a preview?

A. I believe, you see, that the problem of the mihrab should be examined from two different points of view. One is etymological — the origin and basic meaning of the word. What its meaning was in the Prophet's time and in early Islamic times. What did it refer to in pre-Islamic times and what the word mihrab means today. Of course, the answer to this last question is very simple. The mihrab is a niche in the mosque which shows the Qibla or the direction of prayers. But that explanation is, after all, not so simple because, as it turns out, the word comes from the verb Harib Ayyakhabra which is connected between waging war and the first place in the mosque. I think that there is a connection, but then you must look right back and then you will find that mihrab meant many other things. For example, in the Prophet's time it was a burial place. It was also, in secular architecture, the place where the king or the prince sat on his throne or simply upon the floor. This was always opposite the entrance.

Approaching the problem from the architectural point of view, you will find the mihrab presents an arch supported by a pair of columns and capitals and the space in between. What does it look like? It is like an entrance, a doorway. To where? A doorway to the world beyond — to the life beyond. A doorway into eternity. So I think that it has tremendous meaning and importance.

Q. Why was it introduced to Islam?

A. Formerly art historians suggested that it was influenced by the Jews, by the Christian apse or even by the Buddhist niche. Maybe — maybe not. I don't think so. The equivalent of it was already there in pre-Islamic Arabia. What did Islam do? Islam tried to preserve and to Islamicize the old Arabic traditions giving them a new meaning. The mihrab in pre-Islamic times was for the judge's place and for the ruler's place. It was usually under a tent or beneath a dome. What does the dome represent? It represents the universe. So that was accepted and introduced. However, the essence of my research was that at the beginning, at the time of the Prophet and during the first, say 70 or 80 years of the Hijra, the mihrab was not a recess. The first one was introduced in only 87 or 88 of Hijra in the Prophet's newly rebuilt mosque in Madinah. Until then the mihrab was only a flat panel or a block of stone or a strip of paint embedded in the qibla wall. So, basically that is the essence of my research concerning the very first part of the question of the origin and how and why it started.

Q. Aside from the invitation you received from King Abdul Aziz University what has attracted you to come to the Arabian peninsula?

A. Two things brought me to the Jazira. No. 1: The Jazira is really the birthplace, the heartland of Islam. So, sooner or later every Islamicist, particularly those who specialize in the history of Islamic art, must come to the Jazira to see whatever is possible. Even if we cannot find the early monuments, at least we can absorb the atmosphere of these holy places. So, I think that to come to the Jazira is a must. That is number one. The second reason is that my former teacher, who was my teacher in Arabic for 5 years, the late Hajji Abdul Karim Germanns, performed the pilgrimage three times in his life. The first time

was well before World War II in the mid-1930s. As a young boy, I read his book *Allaha Akbar* which was published in Hungarian. He wrote in great detail about Jeddah, Makkah, Madinah and Riyadh. I was deeply impressed by this book and his other writings. Probably, his books influenced me to become what I became.

Q. What other influences contributed to your course of study?

A. I could name two but there is probably a third one as well. First I was born in a city in northern Hungary in which there were many Islamic monuments dating from the time of the Ottoman occupation. As a young boy I used to wander among these ruins and when I was 12 or 13 years old I began taking part in excavations of these Ottoman remains. That is where, for the first time in my life, I found Islamic pottery and Chinese porcelain that had been imported into the Muslim world. So these experiences tremendously influenced me and as a result, I became interested in every book that had been written on the Muslim world.

Secondly, My father had an interest in a factory which exported to the Near and Middle East, and since my childhood, I had heard my father saying that he wanted an economist son who spoke Turkish and Arabic. I could say that there is a third reason for my interest, but it is one that I cannot explain. Ever since my childhood — ever since I can remember — I have been fascinated by the Muslim East. Never by the Far East — only by the Muslim East. I don't know why.

Q. You never became an economist?

A. Fortunately, I never became an economist. My father's factory was nationalized. So, I asked him what I should do. He said, "Do whatever you like." So, I transferred to the faculty of art at Eotvos Lorant University in Budapest. To begin with, I studied Arabic and then archaeology. It was there that I became an archaeologist.

Q. Which areas of the Muslim world hold the most interest for you as a scholar?

A. O my God, that is a very difficult question. Well, I am involved in teaching Islamic art from Morocco right up to Afghanistan. I have visited almost every place in the Muslim world between these two points and the entire Muslim world is very rich archaeologically.

Q. You don't have a favorite place?

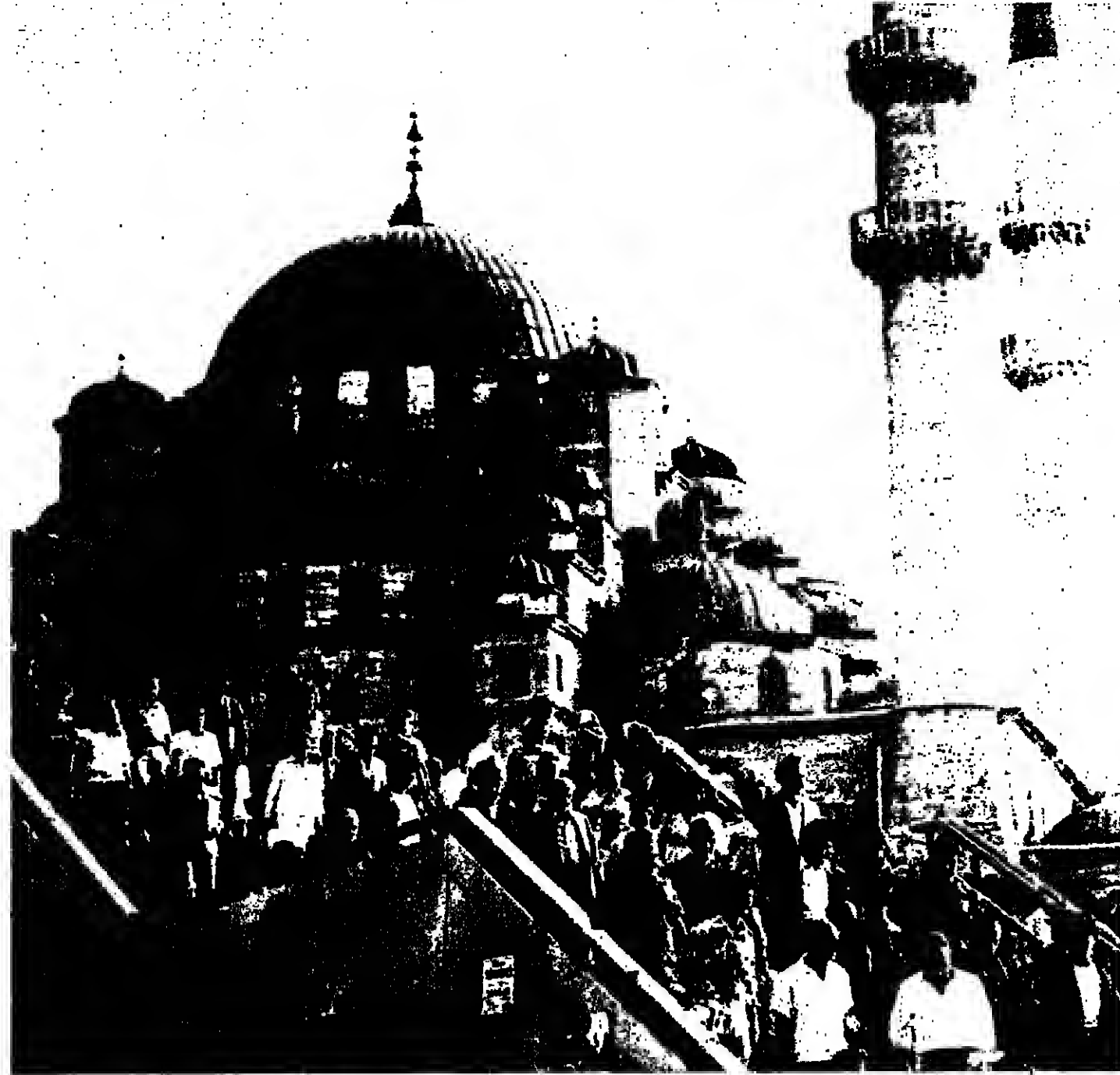
A. Ah! A favorite country. No. A favorite place? Yes — because, an archaeologist when he starts working in a place will eventually fall in love with that place. Yes, I have my favorite places. My favorite places are where I was digging.

Q. Has your work as an archaeologist taken you into the realm of modern architecture?

A. Not strictly speaking as an archaeologist, but as an art historian, yes. In Islamic art where archaeology ends and art history begins. Nobody knows where the dividing line is. So I have to do both. Certainly, I have been involved from the very beginning. I have been asked many times by firms to act as a consultant on the design of mosques or minarets and particularly on the mihrab. They have asked my advice as to what kind of calligraphy should be used, where the inscription should go, where the minarets should be placed and so on.

Q. Do you think that there is room for innovation in modern building and architecture — a development upon the ancient themes?

A. I am afraid that I am too much a traditionalist in that respect. I rather consider that there have already been too many innovations during the past 50 or 60 years in certain parts of the world. Here, I am thinking first of all, about Turkey where in fact, this kind of innovation was introduced not 50 or 70 years ago but probably 150 to 200 years ago when they started to build mosques in Baroque style and even in Rococo which is dreadful. It is simply out of place. Baroque and Rococo may be all right in Europe, particularly for a church or a secular building, but for a mosque, somehow that is out of place. And, similarly, I am against such mosque designs like one I was presented with recently by an architect living in London which looked like a space station. I think that is wrong. First of all, I believe that such designs would create a negative impression upon the believers. It would be difficult to concentrate upon prayer. And, it doesn't answer the functions of a mosque as they were originally designed and as everybody expects them to be. I am against that. I would rather think that within the constant of traditional architecture, the architectural elements and the stylistic patterns, there are



HAGIA SOPHIA MOSQUE: Described as one of the finest standing architectural treasures of the world, Hagia Sophia Mosque of Istanbul, Turkey is visited by millions every year.

possibilities for some kind of innovation which will answer the requirements of the 20th century or even the 21st century.

Q. What is the problem, if any, of finding craftsmen to execute these traditional designs and constructions? For example, are there people living today who could restore and recreate the work on the minbar of Al Aqsa Mosque that was burned by the Zionists?

A. I think that in that respect we have reached the 24th hour. Unless something is done drastically in every Muslim country, all these traditional arts will die out. I can give you two or three good examples. One concerns stone carving. In Turkey, the stone-carving centers were in the southeastern part of the country, particularly in Martine, where every building, whether it be a private dwelling, a beautiful mosque or minaret betrays the ancient long-standing traditions of the stone-carvers. When I was there for the first time some 20 years ago, I could find only two stone-carvers still active and both of them were well over 70.

The second example concerns your question of the minbar. In 1975, the 5th Turkish Art Congress was organized in Budapest, Hungary and was also held in the southern part of the country which has the most Ottoman monuments still surviving. For that occasion, the Hungarian government beautifully restored one of the The Yacub Ali Hasan Mosque. The Turkish government very generously offered a new minbar for this place. The new minbar arrived and when they opened it, we were all shocked and full of horror because it was a ghastly work. A terrible work. Our Turkish colleagues were all deeply shocked. Nobody knew who designed it but apparently they were people who were used to producing super modern furniture. They had never built a minbar in their life! So, was a disaster. Now fortunately, the case is not that desperate because in Turkey you still can find wood-carvers who can produce beautiful minbars, but if you would ask me where I would look to find the proper craftsmen to produce a beautiful wooden minbar or even a wooden mihrab, the only country that I would point to would be Morocco. I would turn to Morocco because in Morocco you still can find the craftsmen.

The third example in this respect I wish to give involves tile working. During the Turkish period in the 14th and 15th centuries in Iran, they developed a new system of producing extensive tile work whereby the tiles were cut just like mosaics, except that there are larger pieces, very nicely fitted together. Now, this art flourished in Iran, in Central Asia, even in Iraq and had spread over to Turkey at a very early stage. It flourished right up to the beginning of the Safavid period. At that time, there were still quite a

few craftsmen who could produce such work, even during the Khaja period of the 19th and early 20th century. But, the craft was very rapidly dying out. So, in a desperate attempt, the Queen and the Shah (of Iran), who were great patrons of the arts before the revolution, set up a royal workshop in Isfahan where they trained young people in this trade. I saw them actively working, restoring monuments in Kirman, in Yazd, in Isfahan, in Mashad and even in Herat, in Afghanistan. What happened to these young artists and what has happened to the crafts since the revolution, I don't know.

Q. Much has been said of the lack of interest in the traditional Islamic arts and crafts. Do you perceive any interest from youths in the Muslim world?

A. Oh, I am quite certain that there is a tremendous interest because I have had students from the Middle East who are not only art historians and archaeologists but at the same time are also practicing artists. I know, for example, a young lady from Turkey who is an excellent weaver, producing tents, carpets and embroideries and she was trained in Istanbul. I know someone from Iran whose major interest is in wood carving. He is not only interested in wood carving as an art historian but he is himself a wood-carver and a very good one at that. So, there is a tremendous interest. However, I think that governments should give more support to these artists.

Q. Do you have any suggestions as to how Islamic arts and crafts might be encouraged?

A. I don't think that I have a remedy or a solution. I am neither a politician nor an artist myself. What I am doing is to try to raise interest for the Islamic heritage and for the artistic heritage of Islam and, I think, for the arts and crafts themselves. This interest will arise and will be answered by young people. Therefore, what we must do is to really introduce some kind of art teaching at a lower level into schools, even at a lower level. Even at elementary level some kind of art teaching should be required. By this I mean the teaching of Islamic art. I can ask you the question in return if I may. In how many Muslim countries do they teach Islamic art at middle level? In none. Therefore, the answer is that art historical studies should be introduced into every Muslim country. Once you have a young generation who know their Islamic heritage, their artistic heritage, the solution will be there.

Q. It has been pointed that early Muslim civilization had little of what we would call culture until it expanded beyond the borders of Arabia. Is that true?

A. No, it is not true. When you hear some old art historians say that when the Arabs came and occupied this land or that land they had

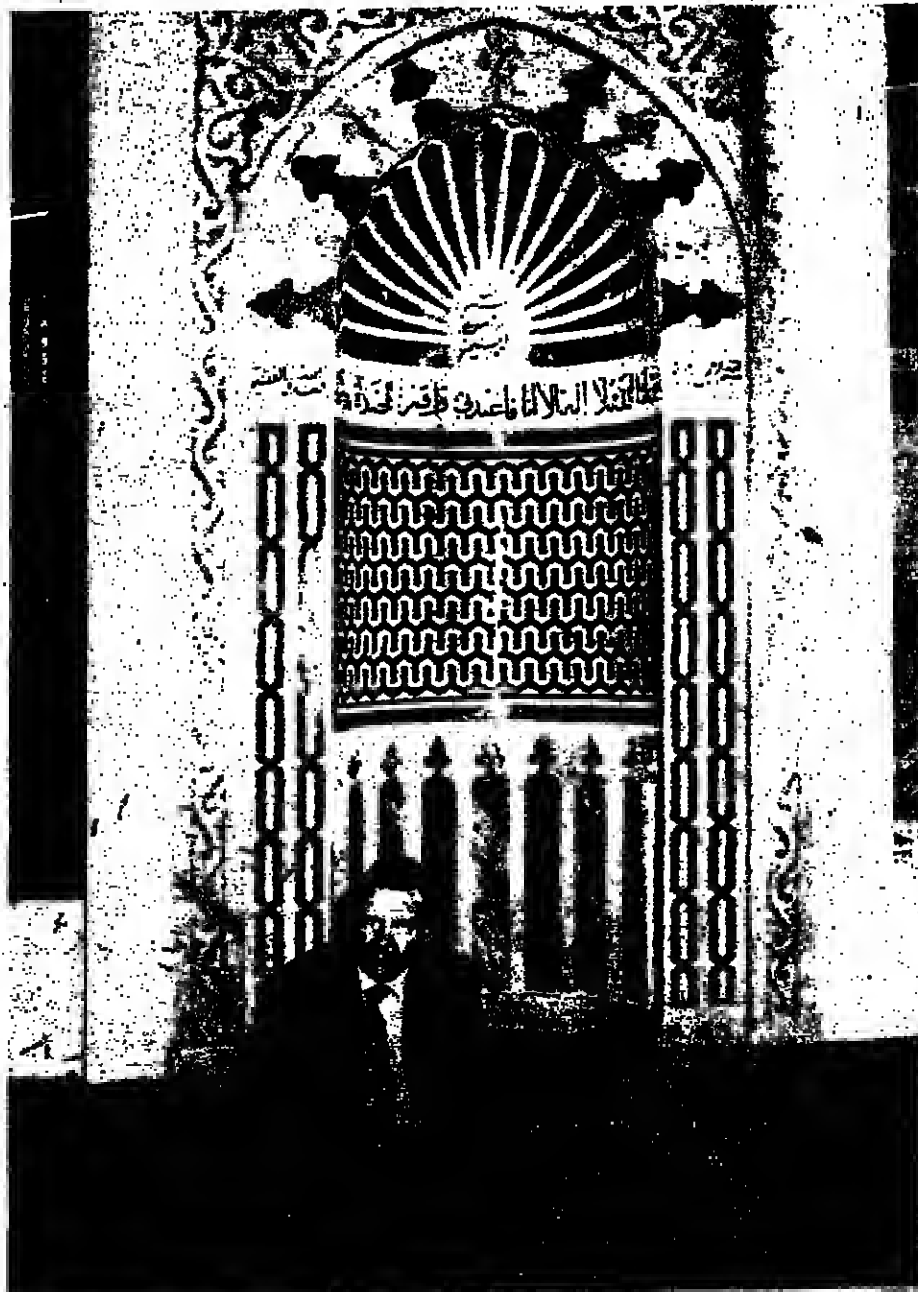
no culture of their own and that everything was borrowed. That is not quite so. I will never forget in the Museum of Oriental Art where I was working when I received my degree in Budapest, the first object in the inventory was an alabaster bust from Saudi Arabia dating back to the first millennium B.C. So, how can you say that there was no art whatsoever here in Saudi Arabia? And the recent excavations in the village of Madinat Al Faw contradict this. If we dare to say...but I don't think that art historians say this any longer...that there was no art, that is a fallacy. Of course they had art. If we know little about it, this is simply due to the fact that we have not searched for it. The arts were there. And how could you explain that the Arabs, after 40 years, having occupied an enormous territory from the Atlantic right up to the Indus, could produce within 70 or 80 years beautiful palaces and mosques if they had no artistic tradition of their own? Don't tell me that everything was borrowed, that everything was built by foreigners. That was not the case. There was art. And there is nothing that speaks better than the unrecorded poetry of the pre-Islamic period. People who could produce such beautiful poetry must have been able to produce beautiful houses.

Q. Can you say something about the influences of Islamic art upon European culture?

A. Yes, I can, and this is an important subject. Nothing can stand in the world in isolation. Neither Christian art nor Buddhist art nor Islamic art. Nothing. And yet, there are those people, even including scholars who, don't believe in the existence of Islamic art. They don't believe in the unity of Islam or in the unity of Islamic art. I know some scholars who, for example, have said that Islamic art as such does not exist but rather there is Arab art, there is Persian art, there is Turkish art. For some there isn't even an Arab art. There is a Syrian art, an Egyptian art, probably even Jordanian art. I don't know. I think it is all nonsense. My former late supervisor David Storm Rice said, "Islamic art cannot be called Arab art. It cannot be called Persian art and it certainly cannot be called Turkish art. It is an amalgamation of everything." There is a unity in Islam and there is a unity in Islamic art. When you look at an object whether it was produced in Morocco, Muslim India, Syria or in Saudi Arabia, you can tell at once that it is a Muslim object. So, therefore there is a unity. And if you ask me what is the symbol of that unity, I would put it very simply. The symbol of that unity is the Arabic script. Who gave the Arabic script? All right, the Arabs gave the Arabic script. Who worked on it? The Arabs, the Turks and the Persians. So nobody can claim that we gave it, even though it is called Arabic. It belongs to everybody. It is Islamic and so therefore I can see a unity in Islamic art. If you ask me what is Islamic art, I would formulate it in the following way. "Any work of art, whether it is an object or a beautiful building, produced in a Muslim milieu, that is in a Muslim country, irrelevant of whether the patron was a Muslim or not, the result can be called Islamic art because it will reflect that culture."

Q. What is your impression since you have arrived in the Kingdom?

A. It is very encouraging that there is an increasing interest in the art and culture of Islam here. It is only a matter of time if you teach and educate young people to appreciate their own heritage for interest to revive. That should answer the question of why should Muslims know about the mihrab. What does it matter for the Muslims to know about the origin of the mihrab? I think that it is their duty to know about it because it will give spiritual encouragement if they know about their own heritage.



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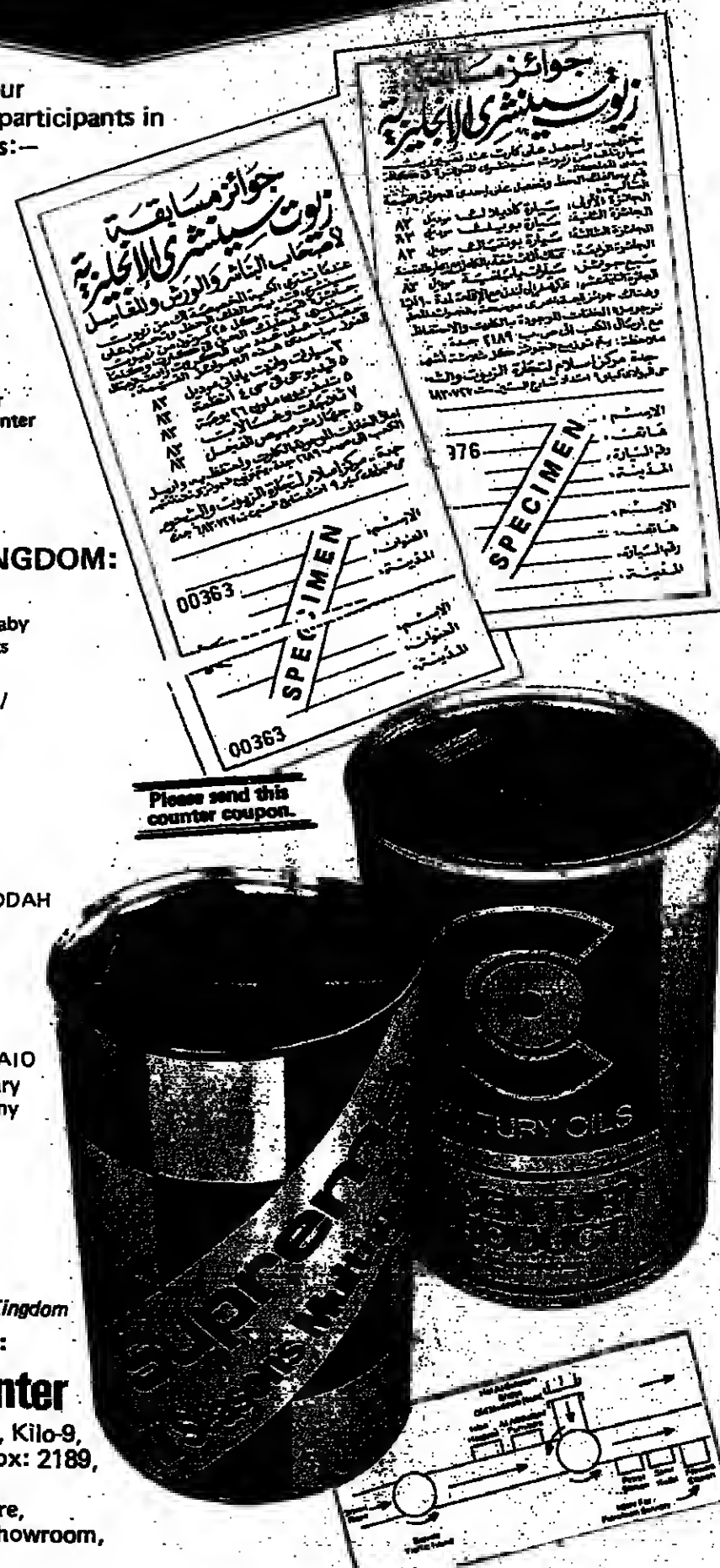
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To bolster growth

Clausen urges cut in arms spending

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, Feb. 25 (AP) — Both rich and poor countries need to speed up their economic development, President A. W. Clausen of the World Bank said Thursday.

He noted that several of the big industrial countries are beginning to show signs of recovery from recession. But he said that if they expect their economies to keep on growing without inflation, they have to make changes in the way their economies are built. Military spending speeded up in 1982, he said. At the same time, he pointed out, spending for productive investment dropped 4 percent in the major industrial countries. Clausen said this decline was caused in part by the effect of government budget deficits on interest rates.

He did not explain further. Economists say that such deficits — due in part to military spending — require governments to borrow more, crowding private borrowers in the competition for the large but limited amounts of money available for lending. The increased competition pushes up the rate of interest, which is the price of borrowing. High interest rates discourage new investment because private investors fear that the investment will not bring them a big enough return to cover that price.

Clausen, formerly one of America's top



A. W. Clausen private bankers, represents 144 countries which own the bank. His statements were made in the text of a lecture prepared for the Center of International Affairs at Harvard University.

Rich and poor countries also need to adjust to the increase in the cost of energy over the

past decade, he said. According to economists, this adjustment means cutting down the use and increasing the price of gasoline, as well as many other products that are derived from oil or that require large inputs of energy.

Calling international lending "normal, healthy and most necessary," Clausen urged continued loans by banks to poor countries. "It makes no more sense for bankers to cut back on lending to Thailand or India because of problems in Mexico, than to cut back on lending to all corporations because some corporations are in trouble," he said. "Debts are country-specific."

Clausen said "... it is not true that developing countries as a whole borrowed excessively, that they squandered the proceeds, and that they now face a generalized debt problem. There is no generalized debt crisis..."

The difficulty of the banks in collecting interest from poor countries is due to the world's economic problem, he went on.

Bahrain to spend \$1.3b on projects

BAHRAIN, Feb. 25 (R) — The Gulf state of Bahrain, which early this month cut its refinery output because of the world oil glut, will spend 500 million dinars (\$1.3 billion) on development projects this year.

Bahraini Finance and Economy Undersecretary Isa Bourshid told the daily newspaper *Al-Khaleej* that oil revenues were expected to total as much.

The island state, whose oil revenue has been badly hit by the oil market slump, produces 42,000 barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil.

Reagan lauds decline in oil prices

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan hailed recent declines in oil prices as "more good news for the world economy," and to bring rich rewards.

"While he acknowledged short-term concerns, to be sure," the president said that "over the long run, more realistic, market-oriented prices will spur economic recovery and free vast amounts of real resources that previously had been devoted to energy."

The president made his comments in a 12-minute speech televised from the White House to audiences in Washington, London, Tokyo and Zurich, Switzerland, that were assembled by *Newsweek* magazine to mark its 50th anniversary.

Reagan, at a breakfast meeting with reporters Wednesday, said interest rates "can and should" decline further to avoid upsetting the economic recovery, but that it was the banking industry — not the Federal Reserve system — that should bring them down, the *Washington Post* reported.

The newspaper quoted Reagan as saying

Turkey may trim transit fees for ships

ANKARA, Feb. 25 (R) — Turkey's transit fees for ships using the Bosphorus and Dardanelles straits are likely to be reduced by 70 percent, shipping sources in Istanbul have said.

The fees, for sanitary, lighting and life-saving services, were raised ten-fold last November. Protests from shipping companies, the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Romania and Greece forced Turkey to review the increase.

The rise meant ships of 20,000 tons not sailing to or from Turkish ports had to pay about \$35,000 for a return trip through the straits instead of \$3,500.

Soviet ships, the heaviest foreign user of straits, stopped paying the new rates in mid-December, running up a debt which shipping sources say is approaching \$10 million.

Shipping sources in Istanbul contacted by telephone said Thursday they had learnt the reduction would be around 70 percent of the new rates. A government spokesman told Reuters he could not confirm this, saying only that an announcement is likely within a few days.

Shipping sources said even with the reduction ships would have to pay more than double the old rate but the reduction was likely to be accepted.

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Spain's jobless total touches 17 %

MADRID, Feb. 25 (AFP) — Spain had 2,234,800 unemployed, or 17.06 percent of the work force, at the end of December, the National Statistics Bureau reported Friday.

Another official body, the National Labor Institute, said there were 2,195,631 registered unemployed, or 16.88 percent of the active population, at the end of January.

The National Statistics Bureau bases its reports on estimates, while the National Labor Institute uses only figures of registered unemployed.

U.K. incurs \$400m deficit

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AP) — Britain's balance of trade with the rest of the world swung into the red in January with a current account deficit of 261 million pounds (\$400 million), the trade department announced.

The huge swing from a 738 million pounds (\$1.13 billion) surplus in December was because of "large irregular movements" in exports and imports, the department said.

But Peter Archer, trade spokesman for the opposition Labor Party, said it was a "shattering indictment of the government's growing complacency ... for the first time since the industrial revolution, Britain's manufacturing trade balance has moved indisputably into deficit."

Both figures include what the government terms "invisible" earnings in insurance, banking, tourism and shipping.

The trade department said exports

U.S. may ease graft law to up exports

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (R) — Top administration officials urged Congress to ease provisions of the six-year-old U.S. anti-foreign bribery law because it was adversely affecting American exports.

The anti-bribery law, known officially as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, was adopted in 1977 after the country was rocked by a major scandal involving hundreds of U.S. firms which paid a total of \$300 million in foreign bribes.

Firms found guilty of violating the law are subject to a \$1 million fine, and individuals who authorize such bribes face a \$10,000 fine and/or five years in prison.

U.S. Trade Representative William Brock told the Senate Banking Subcommittee on international finance that the law was the country's most serious trade problem because its ambiguous language and excessive accounting rules had placed an undue burden on American firms trying to do business abroad.

"Because there has been so much confusion about the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, not only has Congress' goal of prohibiting foreign bribes been obscured, but another important goal — export promotion — had been undermined," he said.

His view was echoed by officials from the Commerce and State Departments who cited numerous examples of U.S. firms that had

slumped in January to 4.58 billion pounds (\$7.6 billion), from a record 5 billion pounds (\$7.6 billion) in December. At the same time, imports soared to a record 5.07 billion pounds (\$7.75 billion).

It was the largest current account deficit since April 1980 and first deficit for a year, setting back Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's hopes for economic recovery based on more competitive British exports.

For 1982 as a whole Britain had a current account surplus of 4.69 billion pounds (\$7.17 billion). Officials forecast a decline, however, as a pick-up in the economy brought in more imported raw materials, equipment and consumer goods.

The surplus gained from North Sea oil alone was 510 million pounds (\$780 million) in January.

lost major foreign contracts because of difficulties in attempting to comply with the law.

State Department Deputy Assistant Secretary Denis Lamb said the law was cited as a factor in a recent decision by the British government to bar the acquisition of the Davy Corporation, a British firm, by the U.S. Enserch Corporation.

"The U.K. monopolies and merger commission felt the law might negatively affect Davy's business prospects in certain countries," Lamb explained.

The Reagan administration is backing reforms in the law now being considered by the banking panel.

Poor states' debt may hit \$600b

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — Some 100 poor countries will owe \$600 billion by the end of 1983, repayable in three years or more, according to figures made public Thursday by the World Bank.

An international official, who asked not to be named, said the figure could top 750 billion if short-term debt is included. But borrowing over the long and medium-term — three years or more — has slowed distinctly since 1978, the bank said.

Debt is a problem for each country, not a generalized problem, so that totals serve only to indicate a trend, according to a thick volume of "world debt tables" for 1982-83. The bank, a principal source of aid for poor countries, has been cooperating more with

private lenders.

An introduction to the tables says that in the first eight years of the 1970s, these countries' debts rose by an average 21 percent a year, but by 1981 the growth rate had slipped to 14 percent.

"More important is the much faster rate at which debt service has risen..." it adds.

Debt service includes interest paid on debts and the portion of the principal repaid each year. The rise in the cost of debt service has come because poor countries have had to borrow more and more on commercial markets and pay their high interest rates, as less money became available at favorable rates from governments and international organizations.

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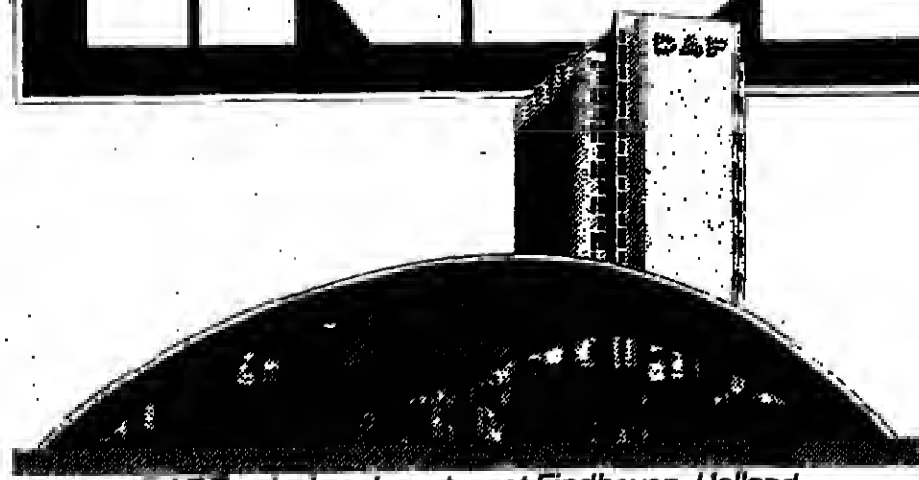
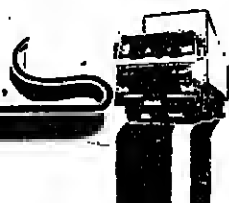
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Dow zooms to all-time high

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (R) — Stock prices soared Thursday and the Dow Jones industrial index set a new record amid indications that the U.S. recession is waning.

The Dow, an average of 30 major corporate stocks, broke through the 1,100 mark 20 minutes before the start of trading. It continued to rally throughout the day and closed with a gain of 24.87 points at 1,121.81. Its previous record close was 1,097.10 on Feb. 14.

Analysts said the upward movement of the index had its own positive effect on the market. In addition, the New York Stock Exchange's composite index of 1,500 stocks rose 1.51 to 86.25, while Standard and Poor's 500-stock index climbed 2.81 to 149.60.

Analysts had predicted that the stage was set for a decisive run at the Dow record this week because of a series of encouraging factors.

The Department of Commerce had reported a 4.5 percent increase in durable goods orders in January, a greater rise than expected and the largest monthly gain since September, 1980.

Investor confidence was further boosted by the report that initial unemployment claims fell to 472,000 in the week of Feb. 12 from 510,000 the previous week. New jobless

claims have dropped six out of seven weeks recorded so far in 1983.

Another factor in the spectacular Wall Street performance was a statement by Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker to the Senate that the central bank's new money growth targets could permit further interest rate reductions.

The rally was very broad-based, with advancing issues totaling 1,175 compared with 438 declines. Trading activity was the heaviest this month and volume swelled to about 113.22 million shares from 84.10 million on Wednesday.

France to lift video curbs

TOKYO, Feb. 25 (AFP) — France has conditionally promised to lift its import restrictions on Japanese videotape recorders (VTRs) on March 18, the Tokyo representative of the European Economic Community (EEC) Commission said Friday.

The condition is that Japan puts into action by the same date an agreement on Japan's VTR exports to the Common Market. Laurens Jan Brinkhorst told Japan's Minister of International Trade and Industry Sadanori Yamanaka.

The Tokyo-based EEC chief also said that

The market's leadership came from blue-chip and basic-industry stocks, signifying heavy buying by institutional investors.

In Tokyo, the stock market rose sharply on widespread buying in active trading, with market sentiment stimulated by Wall Street's overnight surge to a record high, dealers said.

The market average gained 71.79 to end at 8,056.04 on heavy volume of 670 million shares. The Tokyo Stock Exchange index rose 6.30 to 389.22. Imminent oil price cuts by OPEC countries and speculation of an early cut in the U.S. official discount rate also contributed to the advance.

European VTR makers would withdraw their anti-dumping complaints against Japanese products on the same condition and on the same date, Japanese officials indicated.

During high-level trade talks here Feb. 12, Japan agreed to restrain its VTR exports to the EEC for three years with the 1983 volume set at 4.55 million sets, and to introduce a minimum-price system for the products.

Yamanaka told Brinkhorst that we would approve the formation of the export-price system — the industrial group of VTR makers by March 18, the officials said.

Shultz seeks support for aid plan

ATLANTA, Georgia, Feb. 25 (R) — Secretary of State George Shultz sought grassroots support for the U.S. administration's embattled foreign aid program, saying it was needed to secure freedom, economic well-being and peace.

In a speech prepared for delivery to an international studies center in Atlanta, he also called for resistance to trade protectionism.

Shultz's appeal for support on foreign aid

EEC jobless mount to 11.1%

BRUSSELS, Feb. 25 (AFP) — Unemployment in the European Economic Community (EEC) totaled 12,300,000 in January, a rise of 500,000 in one month and 11.1 percent of the work force, EEC statistics has showed.

The increase in the month was 4.2 percent and the new total was 15 percent up on a year earlier not counting Greece.

Individual 12-month rises were: The Netherlands 31 percent, West Germany 28 percent, Ireland 28 percent, Luxembourg 22 percent, Italy 15 percent, Belgium 13.6 percent, Britain 11.3 percent, France 4.7 percent and Denmark 3.4 percent.

was made amid warnings from Congress that the administration's \$14.5 billion foreign aid bill for 1984 was in deep trouble at a time of belt-tightening at home.

In his speech, he presented aid costs in individual spending terms — \$43.91 per citizen on security and economic aid in the developing countries, compared to \$104 a year per person spent for television and radio sets and \$21 for flowers and potted plants.

"It's necessary to spend a fraction of our collective resources to secure our most precious goals of freedom, economic well-being and peace," Shultz said.

He said the U.S. had an abiding interest in fostering growth in developing countries, since falling U.S. exports to those nations had cost American jobs.

He linked this aim with the proposed increase in International Monetary Fund (IMF) quotas to help debt-plagued developing countries, of which the U.S. share is to be \$5.8 billion.

Shultz also said President Ronald Reagan's Caribbean Basin aid and trade plan was needed to deal with that region's poverty, political turmoil and what he called Soviet and Cuban interventionism.

He singled out Turkey as an example where U.S. security aid was vital. The administration's request for \$755 million in military aid for Turkey has run into opposition in Congress.

Britain's oil output soars by 15.6%

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AFP) — British oil output rose 15.6 percent — or 13.9 million tons — to 103.3 million tons last year, the department of energy announced Friday. Energy consumption was the lowest for 15 years.

Britain's oil production has thus topped 100 million tons for the first time, making this country a leading producer as output was cut substantially the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The rise means Britain had an exportable surplus of 37.8 million tons last year against 24.2 million tons in 1981. British oil consumption rose marginally to 65.5 million tons from 65.2 million tons.

Total energy consumption last year was 183 million tons equivalent (OTE) or 311 million coal tons equivalent (CTE) — a fall of 1.9 percent and the lowest figure since 1967.

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Natural gas consumption has slipped also for the first time in five years. It declined 1.9 percent to 41.5 million OTE.

U.S. consumer prices increase

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AP) — The U.S. Labor Department, changing its major measure of inflation, said Friday that consumer prices rose a scant 0.2 percent in January. Had the old calculation been used, consumer prices would have been unchanged.

Housing costs rose substantially, as had been expected under the new formula, but gasoline and heating oil prices posted sharp drops. The old calculation had been widely criticized for over-emphasizing the effect of homeownership costs.

Under the new consumer price index formula, the department said housing costs rose 0.5 percent in January. Under the former calculation, housing costs tumbled 0.8 percent in December.

Gasoline prices fell 3.3 percent. As of January, gasoline prices were 10.6 percent below their peak level of March 1981. Home heating oil prices plunged 4.1 percent. Prices for both fuels fell in December.

The energy prices are largely due to continuing worldwide oil glut. Analysts expect even further declines as some major exporting nations have cut their wholesale prices and others ponder similar price slashing.

Dollar rates record rise

LONDON, Feb. 25 (AP) — The U.S. dollar edged up against leading currencies in thin trading Friday. Gold bullion prices declined.

Currency dealers described pre-weekend trading as trendless and quiet following hectic dealings earlier in the week caused by the plunge in world oil prices.

The dollar had lost some of its momentum in New York late Thursday on renewed speculation of lower American interest rates.

But European traders said rumors of a cut in the Federal Reserve Board's 8 1/2 percent discount rate had been circulating in the market so long that the latest statements on interest rates were largely discounted.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 235.35 Japanese yen, marginally higher than Thursday's 235 yen and 1.60 yen up from last Friday's close.

In London, the dollar moved up against the pound, with the British currency trading at \$1.5270, down from 1.5275 late Thursday.

Other dollar rates compared with Thursday:

day included: 2.4145 West German marks, up from 2.4140, 2.0292 Swiss francs, up from 2.0240, 6.8495 French francs, up from 6.8225, 2.6690 Dutch guilders, up from 2.6630, 1.394.75 Italian lira, up from 1.394.30, 1.2285 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2268.

Gold bullion prices opened lower but recovered somewhat in later trading.

London's five major bullion dealers set Friday's gold-fixing price of \$470.75 a troy ounce, down from \$474 at the close Thursday.

In Zurich, the metal cost \$470.50, a loss of \$3 in the Swiss center. In Hong Kong, gold lost \$3.61 to close at \$469.96.

Silver was quoted in London at \$13.40 a troy ounce, down from 13.775 Thursday.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

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U.S. charge against EEC said false

BRUSSELS, Feb. 25 (R) — An independent panel of trade experts has rejected a U.S. complaint that the European Economic Community uses subsidies to get an unfair share of the world flour market, the community's director general for agriculture, Claude Villain, said Friday.

Officials said the result would strengthen the community's bargaining stance in its dispute with the United States on the share-out of shrinking world agricultural markets.

Villain told a news conference that the Geneva-based panel, established under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), had released its findings Thursday night.

"The conclusion in that the panel did not accept the (American) accusations against

the community and that we have respected our international trade obligations," he said.

U.S. complaints against the community center on the allegation that Europe uses subsidies to undercut competitors.

Villain said that a study by the panel of the 17 most important world markets for flour had produced no evidence that community subsidies were being used to displace other exporters. "This is important, because in the past few weeks the United States has accused the European Community of taking an unfair share of world markets."

The European Commission's president, Gaston Thorn, wrote to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz on Wednesday asking him to agree to ministerial talks to try to defuse the trans-Atlantic dispute.

BRIEFS

MOSCOW (AFP) — The Soviet Vice Minister for Foreign Trade Vladimir Sushkov called for efforts to overcome "artificially created difficulties" in Soviet-Japanese trade. He urged exploitation of "immense" commercial possibilities, in a speech to a visiting Japanese trade delegation, Tass news agency reported.

COPENHAGEN (R) — Denmark's consumer price index rose 0.9 percent in January to 210.9 (base 1975) after December 1982's 0.52 percent fall and a 0.7 percent increase a year earlier, the statistics bureau said. The year-on-year rise to January 1983 was 9.1 percent compared with the year ago's 12.3 percent, the bureau said.

TOKYO (R) — A Japanese women's clothes maker is to buy a 50 percent share of the leading French fashion house Andre Courreges. A spokesman for the Japanese firm Itokin said Friday it was making the purchase by buying the French pharmaceutical firm L'Oréal which owns half of Andre Courreges. The Courreges family owns the other half.

SANTIAGO (R) Chile's foreign trade fell 28 percent in 1982 on CIF terms compared with the previous year, central bank figures show. Imports fell to \$3.83 billion CIF from \$7.77 billion in 1981, while exports decreased to \$3.82 billion CIF compared with \$3.91 billion in the previous year, the bank said.

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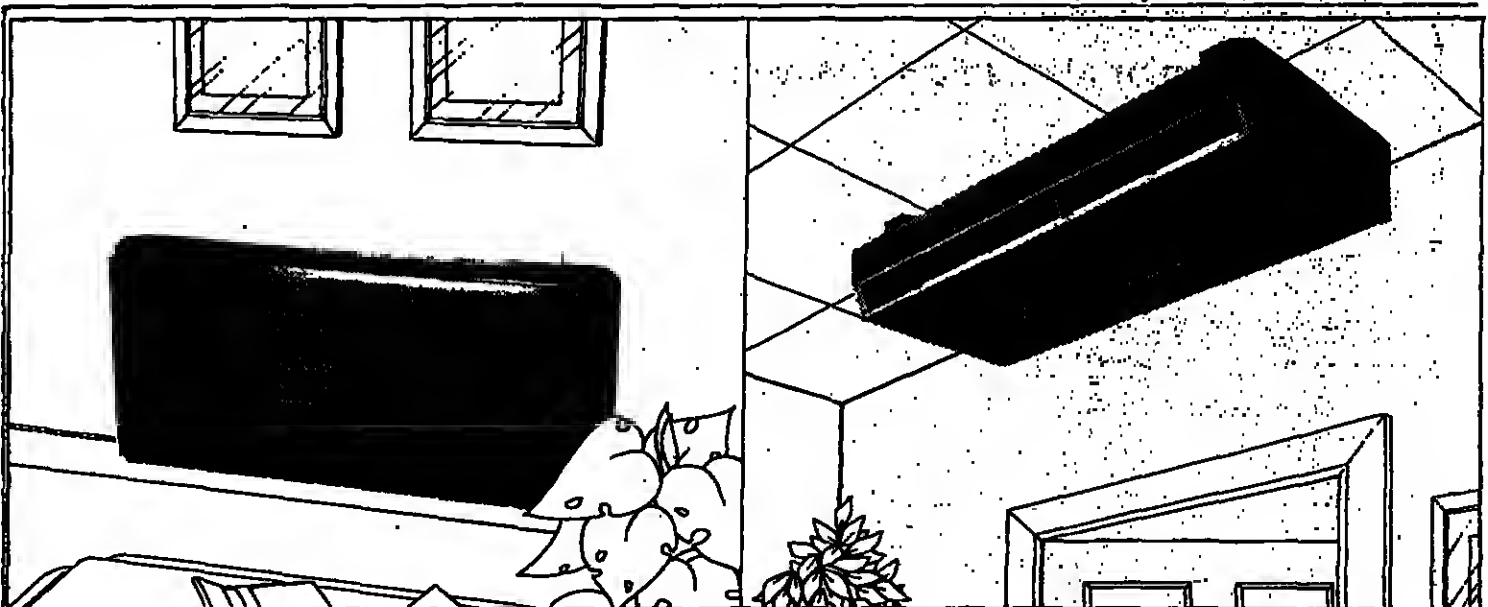
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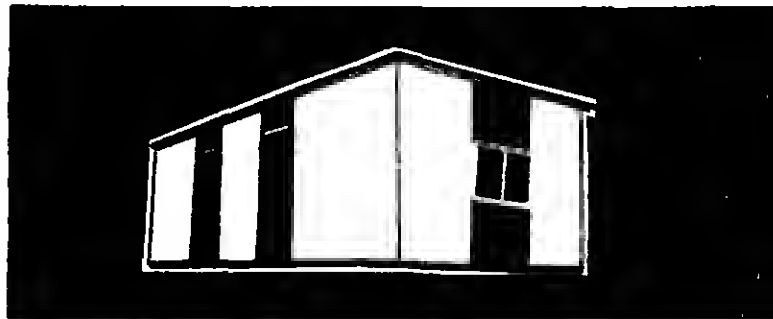
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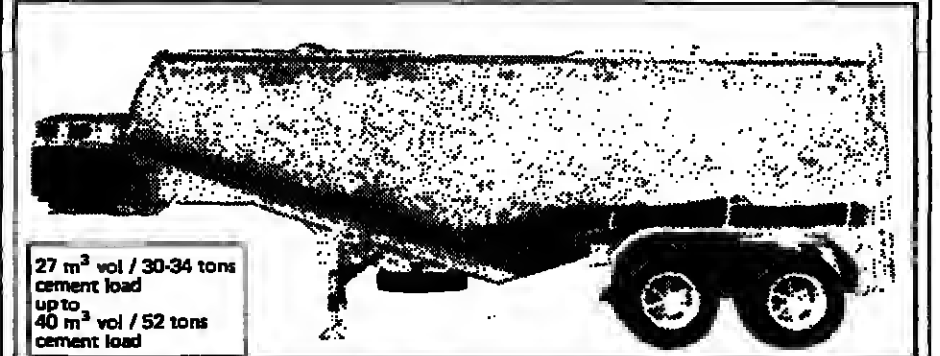
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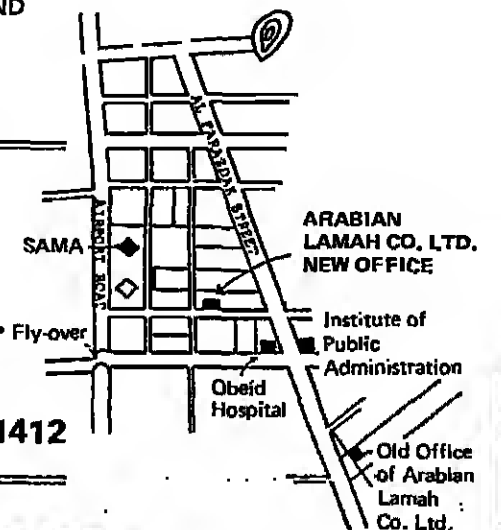
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Through health care program Bangladesh fighting high infant mortality

By Fakhruddin Iqbal

DHAKA (Depthnews) — A mother with her baby waiting for her turn at a village health center is a common sight in Bangladesh. Yet it never fails to move Supachai Na Pombjeir, a Thai national, and other Bangladeshis as well.

If they are emotional, it is understandable. In Bangladesh, 136 infants and 19 children per 1,000 die each year and 1 out of 4 children dies before the age of five.

While the infant mortality rate is almost three times that of a number of developing countries, Bangladesh is by no means unique. Worldwide, a child dies every two seconds in 1981. Says UNICEF Executive Director James P. Grant: "For the children of 1982, the facts of life on earth will not be significantly different. Of the 125 million who will be

born, 17 million will be dead before their fifth birthday."

Of the 17 million children who died in 1981, not even 10 percent were immunized against the six most common and dangerous diseases of childhood. The cost of immunizing all of the Third World's infants works out at about \$5 per child. The cost of not doing so works out at about five million deaths a year.

UNICEF, or U.N. Children's Emergency Fund, itself has been supporting the Bangladesh immunization program, providing supplies for tuberculosis (BCG), diphtheria, polio, tetanus and measles vaccines. Medicines have also been channeled to the country for tuberculosis and leprosy control, as well as more than 42,000 drugs and dietary supplement kits.

The prevalence of diarrheal and infectious diseases like tuberculosis and tetanus is a

major health problem for Bangladeshi children. At least 4 out of every 5 children have some form of worm infestation. According to one limited survey, 99 percent of the children examined had intestinal parasites. About 1 of every 10 children under five years of age gets tetanus. Malaria and measles are also common among children.

In July 1980, a two-year UNICEF-funded \$35 million program was launched aimed against high infant and child mortality, high incidence of diarrheal and infectious diseases, malnutrition, high maternal mortality and high fertility, low literacy and lack of knowledge and skills.

The program's overall strategy supports government-initiated village development and community-based services, emphasizing community participation as an essential ingredient.

For instance, the government has taken steps to provide maximum health care through the Thana (the lowest administrative unit) Health Complex and Polli Chikitsak (village doctor) and Polli Chikitsa Kendra (village health center).

These health centers are manned by medical graduates and undergraduate medical assistants. Village doctors are basically skilled medical workers and are not private doctors. Every village is supposed to have at least one village doctor by 1985.

But the problems of health care are enormous in a country of about 68,000-70,000 widely scattered villages often difficult to reach. Indeed, about 90 million people, particularly over 41 million children, are barely reached by conventional health services.

The problem is also closely linked with income and poverty. Infants and child death rates, for example, are 55 percent higher among the landless and marginal farming families than those with comparatively larger landholdings (more than one acre of land). Landless and marginal families now represent 60 percent of all rural households. Per capita gross national product is only \$120, only second to Bhutan.

Nutrition surveys indicate about 50 percent of children below 15 years of age suffer from moderate to severe malnutrition. Malnutrition renders them more susceptible to infections and illnesses.

"Yes, there are other problems as well," says Supachai, a UNICEF official in Dhaka. "Water, sanitation, nutrition, woman education, population explosion — but all these are interrelated and one should begin with infant deaths."

He explains: "If we failed to assure mothers that their children will survive, you cannot check population growth. In fact, if we can tackle infant deaths, we can solve most of the problems, too. Only if you assure mothers that their children will not die will they respond to the call of not bearing more babies. But because of psychological barriers and insecurity, Bangladeshi mothers produce more babies."

Supachai points to mothers in cities with easy access to income and medical care. "There you will see most urban couples having not more than two kids, suggesting that if we can make the lives of children safer, we can assure mothers that their babies are no more prone to health hazards and they will bear no more child."

France's video miracle

Owen Dwyer

PARIS (RFI) — To be able to choose from among 35 television channels like the Canadians, to see the face of the person one is telephoning, to ask one's TV set the times of the films at the local cinema or the address of a plumber, to consult one's bank statement from home...

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The advantages are many. A television canal can take 2,000 telephone conversations. Therefore more traditional cables would be necessary in order to provide new services. Optic fibers, which can carry twenty times more calls than a normal cable, are thus the practical answer to the shortage of copper wire. They are better "performers" for they are completely unaffected by electromagnetic interference. They can transport over a long distance, laser-ray light without any great loss. In addition, since they are lighter in weight and easy to lay, they are very long-wearing. They are used, in fact, for the great underwater link between the United States and Europe.

The investments in this sector to be made by the PTT and local authorities total some seven billion francs. The CGE (Commissariat General de l'Electricite) which possesses this technology, is already able to construct complete links. The SAT (Societe Anonyme de Telecommunications) has also entered the market. If France fulfills its engagements, it will not only be in the forefront in 1985 in the world market but it will also become the top world specialist in optic fibers and branches of industry connected with them. From the French platform, it will be able to distribute all over the world.

Safe cigarette myth exposed

By Daniel Q. Haneey

BOSTON (AP) — All cigarette smokers run a triple-high risk of heart attack, whether they puff regular cigarettes or the low-nicotine brands, according to a study.

The research shows that people who switch to the newer, low-nicotine brands do not reduce their risk of heart attack, which is one of the major hazards of cigarette smoking.

The researchers examined the frequency of heart attacks among people who use cigarettes with low levels of nicotine and carbon monoxide, since both of these substances affect the working of the heart.

"We found an approximate tripling of the rate of myocardial infarction (heart attack) among current smokers that did not appear to

vary according to the amount of either substance," the study concluded.

Conducted at the drug epidemiology unit at Boston University Medical School, the study whose principal author was David W. Kaufman, was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Low-nicotine cigarettes are also low in tar. But the researchers did not consider tar content in this study, because there is no suggestion that tar causes heart attacks.

Overall, the smokers' risk of a non-fatal heart attack was triple that of non-smokers, regardless of whether they smoke low-nicotine cigarettes or high-nicotine brands, the study found.

MECHANICAL HEART? MECHANICAL ARTERIES?



Dr. Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

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Dear Mr. V.: The fact is that way back in 1968, I expressed the opinion that within a decade or two a mechanical heart would be a reality. As a moderator on a weekly TV medical program I was discussing this possibility with a cardiac surgeon.

He agreed, but only with reservations, believing that the only practical solution was heart transplant. But, somehow, the human transplant method has never seemed to me to be the ultimate answer — either on moral or practical grounds. As one patient once said to me, "Waiting for another to die to get a new heart? That's not for me." It's interesting to note that the historic mechanical heart pump event came on the 15th anniversary of the first human heart transplantation. However, I'm hoping that within two more decades another "medical miracle" will come into being. It won't be as dramatic as the heart pump miracle. I don't expect that "mechanical arteries" will be the solution. But what would be even more important than the new pump is the discovery on how to prevent and treat atherosclerosis.

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America probes cleanup scandal

By Robert Chesky

WASHINGTON (LOS)—Allegations of political sharp practice, cover-up and inefficiency that are pouring forth daily from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the body charged with cleaning up hazardous toxic wastes across the country, are being investigated by Congress and the White House, and may prove a major political embarrassment to the Reagan administration.

The agency is under investigation by five subcommittees of the House of Representatives and one of the Senate; its director, Anne Gorsuch, has been cited for contempt of Congress; the head of its crucial hazardous waste program, Rita Lavelle, was fired last week by Reagan himself; 37 staff, including Gorsuch and Lavelle, have been subpoenaed to appear before House committees; and paper-shredders have reportedly been used at night and weekends to destroy "sensitive documents."

Problems have been apparent at the agency for some time, with staff members accusing the politically appointed leadership of not pursuing companies accused of dumping poisonous chemicals and other wastes with the diligence and severity demanded by the law.

Miss Lavelle, who worked for a Californian company involved in dumping before she came to Washington, is accused of making "sweetheart deals" rather than taking offenders to court. Congress has also charged her with committing perjury by denying under oath before a House subcommittee that she had investigated and tried to have dismissed a "whistle-blower" on her staff. Colleagues told Congress she had done both.

Further, she is said to have continued to take an active part in decisions involving her former employers, Aerojet General Corporation, despite having pledged not to do so in order to avoid an obvious conflict of interest.

The scandal broke recently with Miss Lavelle's sacking — after she failed to resign at Mrs. Gorsuch's request — and the discovery that her appointment diaries were missing from her office. EPA staff said that a Lavelle aide, dismissed with her, had removed the diaries and boxes of documents. Now and armed guard is placed at the door of her former office to prevent the further disappearance of material.

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The diaries are being sought by congressional committees anxious to establish what meetings Miss Lavelle has been attending and who she has been meeting. These might establish both whether she had been trying to oust the whistle-blower and whether she was still dealing with her former company. The agency first declared that there was a delay in producing the diaries because a "memorandum" was being prepared to explain certain "erasures".

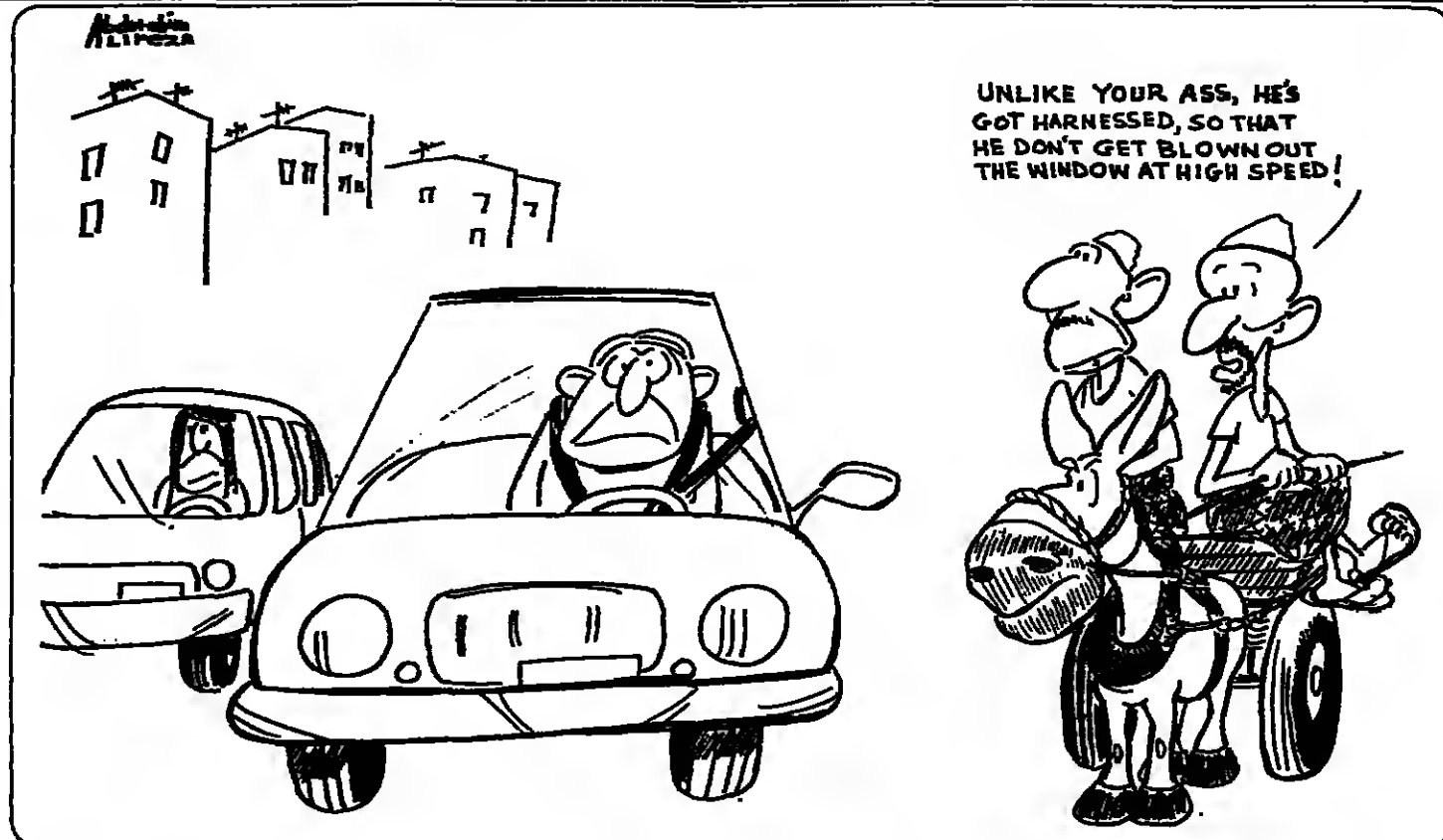
Last week an EPA spokesman said: "We can't locate the calendars (diaries) at the moment. That does not necessarily mean they have disappeared."

It is remarkable that and the sudden arrival in the EPA of the paper-shredders, shortly after Mrs. Gorsuch was cited for contempt for failing to produce documents required by Congress, that have led to congressional allegations that something more serious than incompetence is involved. The White House embarrassment is compounded because Miss Lavelle was a Reagan campaign worker and is the person at the agency with the closest ties to key Reagan staff.

The allegations mainly surround the operation of the EPA "Superfund", a \$1.6 billion sum, granted two-and-a-half years ago together with extra powers for a blitz on the nation's most dangerous waste chemical dumps. Costs were to be recovered by taking the dumpers to court, and Miss Lavelle was put in charge of the operation.

However, under Miss Lavelle the prosecution of chemical waste cases slowed considerably, and the EPA began negotiating with offenders rather than taking them to court. Miss Lavelle clashed with the EPA's general counsel, Robert Perry, over this policy. Deals which she hailed as "landmarks" he regarded as dangerously unenforceable. Miss Lavelle tried to have Perry dismissed, allegedly accusing him of "systematically alienating the primary constituent of this administration, the business community."

The sort of deal Miss Lavelle is said to have made allowed companies merely to clear up surface waste with no responsibility for wider contamination, or to bury waste under a layer of clay and topsoil, rather than remove it. Companies could save several million dollars if required to carry out only superficial cleanups.



Jobs await East German ex-convicts

By Paul Bolding

EAST BERLIN (R) — Communist East Germany is proud of a law that assures offenders a job and a home when they leave jail. Everyone benefits. The individual gets somewhere to live and an income. Society gets a productive worker and someone less likely to re-offend because of his enhanced security. The system also allows the state to keep an eye on ex-convicts in case they do return to crime.

"It is East Germany's aim that the state's responsibility should not end at the prison gates," said Alfred Meyer, responsible for the policy in East Berlin, in an interview with Reuters. "We are really proud of the law." Courts and local administrators start preparing rehabilitation program up to a year before a convict is released. They look into his family situation, health, whether he already has a home or a job. If the offender is a juvenile, arrangements will be made for him to complete his education. Before a job is arranged care is taken to ensure that it is an appropriate one.

For example certain ex-convicts will not be sent to work with children and further temptation will not be put in the way of a shop assistant who had her hand in the till.

Crime means many marriages break up and if the ex-convict is left without furniture he or she will get financial help with basic needs until the first pay day, Dr. Meyer said.

"We guarantee these people their full civil rights. We want to strengthen their will and snap them coming into conflict with the law again," he said.

Nevertheless, there are failures. The local newspaper in Leipzig last week reported the case of a 30-year-old woman who had been in and out of prison. She would not turn up for jobs and each time returned to crime. The last time she went to work she borrowed several thousand marks from colleagues to pay rent arrears but never returned. She was sentenced in another year and five months for "anti-social behavior."

A report in the legal magazine *Neue Justiz* explained how the system should work, also taking Leipzig, East Germany's second city, as an example. In a factory making photograph albums, ex-convicts were training as skilled and semiskilled workers. The rehabilitation program lasts up to a year and the courts, authorities and firms cooperate in its administration.

"It is in the first few days and weeks that someone needs the most help. Sometimes the little things are the most complicated," Dr.

Meyer said. "In prison, no one needs an alarm clock, but when he gets out he has to get himself up and go to work. His firm might provide a clock to make sure he gets there."

"Some firms go too far, even going to fetch him to work," he said.

During the rehabilitation period the offender might be obliged to see specialists: Ex-convicts belonging to a certain category are likely to be sent to psychologists.

For re-offenders, the courts can impose further measures for up to three years to ensure that an individual returns to a normal life in society.

If a firm suspects that someone under a rehabilitation program is slipping back into crime they must tell the authorities. If he appears to be doing well he can be released early from conditions of probation or other restrictions.

The latter is the normal pattern, says Dr. Meyer. "The largest proportion of released prisoners find their way back to a normal life."

Asian war on illiteracy

By Arjuna

MANILA (Depthnews) — Suddenly, a blank wall. The eerie feeling that suddenly envelopes the mind, a shroud that veils the sudden suspicion of the fruitlessness of it all. A writer's mental block? No, it is more a sense of guilt.

What if I'm not read at all? The nagging doubt has more reason to exist in Asia, a region dotted with vast distances between islands, oceans, mountains, jungles, desert and the plain harshness of the landscape.

Then again, not too many people read. Asian illiterates estimated at close to 400 million people, and expected to reach 435 million by 1990. They are 60 percent of the world's total illiterate population, majority of whom are citizens of 16 developing countries, mostly in the South Asian region. Of the illiterates, women are the majority in rural areas.

Asia's illiterate population continues to grow and will remain a challenge. The problem of adult illiteracy is also closely bound with the growth of the first level of education. Childre without access to schooling, and school dropouts who lapse into illiteracy, are feeding the stream of those who can neither read nor write.

But governments are more and more accepting the reality: illiteracy is at once a consequence and a cause of poverty. Countries where literacy programs are most needed are usually the poorest. Now, no matter how modest, funding for literacy programs is being set aside by governments.

Thailand's adult education program aims to develop the "Khit Pen" man who has the necessary academic and vocational skill to upgrade his standard of living through better production. Papua New Guinea has a decentralized administration for a literacy program.

The People's Democratic Republic of Laos has been implementing an "eliminate illiteracy" program; it aims to wipe out ignorance among the masses and develop knowledge to comprehend socialist ideology, science and technology. Indonesia has its Kejar Program designed to uplift rural life and help the have-nots in villages. In Pakistan, innovative projects on adult education are managed by different organizations and institutions at national and provincial levels.

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Singapore wants 'true' nonalignment

New Delhi tightens security for summit

NEW DELHI, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Strengthening security for the nonaligned summit meeting here early next month, Indian authorities banned until March 15 any unauthorized demonstrations, processions or public meetings in the capital.

It was the first of many extra security measures expected in the coming days. More than 70 heads of state and government are expected for the March 7-11 summit, a government spokesman said.

The list of those attending has not yet been announced but the spokesman confirmed that it includes Cuban President Fidel Castro, who at the opening session is scheduled to transfer the chairmanship of the movement to Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The summit will be preceded by six days of preparatory meetings by foreign ministers and other senior officials.

U.S. agents make biggest arms haul

LAS VEGAS, Feb. 25 (AFP) — Federal agents made the biggest ammunition haul in U.S. history when they arrested four men here suspected of stealing 24 tons of 90-millimeter shells from an air base at Nellis, Nevada, it is learned here.

A spokesman for the air base said Friday he was not even aware the shells had disappeared until he was informed of the fact by the federal agents. The police said they were posing as potential arms buyers when they picked up the men, who not only offered them the shells, worth between \$300,000 and \$500,000, but also proposed a deal on 100 M-16 rifles, eight M-60 machine guns and cases of grenades.

All the arms were recovered and the federal prosecutor said it was the biggest seizure of its type in U.S. history. Police said they did not know how the men had managed to get the shells off the air base. The shells were stored between tanks used for target practice.

The four men arrested were all civilians with no connection with the army, but they had allegedly been involved in arms thefts before.

reportedly have started arriving, to work with Indian security on protecting the foreign visitors from anything and everything from food poisoning to hostile demonstrations and terrorist attacks.

A leader of New Delhi's Afghan exile community said he and about 50 other Afghans who fled to India after the 1979 Soviet intervention in their homeland have been ordered by police not to leave their houses till March 15, after the summit.

Afghanistan is a member country of the nonaligned movement but there has been no announcement whether Soviet-installed President Babrak Karmal would attend the New Delhi summit.

Bullet proof cars are being provided to each delegation and the Indian capital's top surgeons and medical specialists have been ordered to stay in New Delhi, prepared to respond to emergency calls to treat any kind of casualty or illness, the *Indian Express* newspaper reported.

The capital's five leading hotels have been commandeered for heads of state and government, asked to cancel their other reservations and close their premises to outsiders during the summit, when they will be cordoned by troops.

The hundreds of lesser dignitaries at the summit are expected to stay at other hotels. Meanwhile, Singapore is expected to urge the nonaligned countries to return to "true neutrality" at their summit meeting. In a "white paper" prepared for the summit and made public at the United Nations, Singapore accuses Cuba of having led the nonaligned movement astray when Castro was nonaligned chairman.

Havana is accused specifically of introducing the "natural allies theory" (that Communist countries were the natural allies of the nonaligned). "It was only the vigilance and resistance of the majority of the nonaligned members that frustrated Cuban attempts to use the movement as a battering ram in superpower rivalry the white paper states.

The decision at the nonaligned summit in Havana to unsent Democratic Kampuchea and leave that state unnamed "was a Cuban decision — nothing more, nothing less" and a violation of the rule of consensus, the white paper asserts.

Hawkish Nakasone softens stance to regain image

TOKYO, Feb. 25 (AP) — Amid signs of erosion in public support and rumblings of rebellion within his own party, Japan's Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone appears to be trying to soften his hawkish image.

Nakasone, a man who likes to speak his mind in a nation where candor is a political sin, apologized Wednesday to junior Diet (parliament) members of his ruling Liberal Democratic Party for being too outspoken during his first three months in office, particularly in support of building up Japan's military establishment.

"I'm still learning to drive but I've gone too fast and lost passengers who should be with me," Japanese papers quoted Nakasone as telling the group. "This has probably irritated those of you watching this from the side, and I promise to be more careful in the future."

Press reports also said the 64-year-old politician tried to mollify his younger colleagues by promising to give more attention to domestic issues. Up to now, his top priorities have been solving trade and security problems.

Although Nakasone is in no apparent danger of losing his job, he has shown a knack for stirring controversy. Soon after taking office last November, he altered Japan's long-standing policy against weapons exports by making military technology transfers to the United States an exception.

During a January trip to Washington, he enraged Japan's strong pacifist lobby by saying the tiny Japanese defense force would one day be capable of intercepting Soviet bombers and naval vessels in Japan's skies and strategic straits. His comment to *The Washington Post* that Japan would be an "unsinkable aircraft carrier" continues to generate editorial criticism and lampooning in the Japanese press.

U.S. officials, including President Ronald Reagan, have praised Nakasone's "strong leadership" in tackling the trade and defense issues. But for the Japanese, accustomed to making decisions by consensus, he has been too strong.

On Thursday, debate in the lower house budget committee was suspended for the fourth time this month as opposition parties boycotted the proceedings over Nakasone's reluctance to name a date for tax cuts and his refusal to withdraw the decision on military technology transfers. Nakasone's failure to keep the budget deliberations on track has provoked sharp criticism within the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, a group of conservative factions that has held power throughout the postwar period.

Faction leader Toshio Komoto, one of Nakasone's opponents in party elections last

November, publicly called on the prime minister to abandon his hawkish stance. More important, former Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, who helped put Nakasone in office, complained that the Diet tumult could give the opposition the edge in future elections.

Although the figures vary, recent polls by the Japanese media show sharp disapproval of Nakasone's political approach. The mass-circulation *Asahi Shimbun* this month found that although a majority of people back the LDP, only 29 percent supported the Nakasone cabinet, one of the lowest ratings for a young government ever. *Asahi* said 61 percent were disturbed by Nakasone's "unsinkable aircraft carrier" statement.

The Japan Broadcasting Corp. reported that 54 percent of respondents in its survey believed that offering military technology to the United States was "dangerous to Japan's pacifism." Only 26.5 percent were for technology transfers, it said.

The *Yomiuri Shimbun*, which found Nakasone's support slipping from 40 percent in December to 34 percent in February, noted in an editorial that "when his dazzling pronouncements (on defense) are reported almost every day in large letters, it's no wonder that the people are concerned and worried that war could break out any day."

Upper house elections are slated for June, and although the results have no direct effect on the government, observers say a poor LDP showing could convince LDP faction leaders to dump Nakasone as party and government leader.

Most observers don't see this happening. Although Nakasone's faction is only fourth largest in the party, his hold on power is secure as long as the business community and former Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka stay on his side. Tanaka, who heads the largest party faction, despite his ongoing trial for accepting bribes in the 1976 Lockheed scandal, has followers in key spots in the Nakasone cabinet and shows no sign of wavering in his support of Nakasone.

Nakasone has even suggested dissolving the Diet and holding lower house elections this spring, a year in advance, to take advantage of the current lack of unity among opposition parties.

Political commentator Maruo Shota said Japanese insularity and a reluctance to deal with international problems are partly responsible for Nakasone's low popularity. Nakasone's fondness for diplomacy "took people by surprise. Japanese haven't taken international issues seriously before," he said.

Mugabe alleges S. Africa-Nkomo link

HARARE, Feb. 25 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe said Friday that opposition leader Joshua Nkomo was seeking South African military support to overthrow the Zimbabwe government, the national news agency ZIANA reported.

"The government is now aware of a positive link between the external threat from South Africa and the internal activities of Nkomo's dissidents," Mugabe was quoted as saying. He was speaking to 750 people's militia instructors at Bindura, about 60 kilometers northwest of the capital Harare.

The government has accused Nkomo's ZAPU Party of managing rebels it blames for

violence sweeping Matabeleland province. ZAPU has accused government troops of bunting dissidents there of murder, including rape. Authorities say rebels loyal to Nkomo receive military training at four camps inside South Africa.

Last week, police prevented Nkomo from boarding an international flight at Bulawayo, saying he intended to travel to South Africa to denounce the government. Nkomo said he was only passing through Johannesburg in transit to Europe for an international conference. He was questioned three times in the next few days.

Meanwhile, authorities said in Bulawayo

that police have shut down a regional office of Nkomo's party and arrested four party officials.

A spokesman told local reporters touring southwest Zimbabwe on Thursday that the party members detained in Gwanda were suspected of stashing arms illegally.

It was the latest in a series of confrontations between Mugabe and his former guerrilla comrade in the war against white-minority Rhodesia ending in independence for Zimbabwe in April 1980.

Mugabe fired Nkomo from the coalition cabinet last February, accusing him of plotting a coup with arms stashed on farms owned by his party members. Nkomo has repeatedly denied any coup plot.

N. Korean pilot defects

SEOUL, Feb. 25 (AP) — A North Korean pilot flying a MiG fighter plane landed in south Korea on Friday, seeking asylum, the *Delaware Morning News* reported.

Brig. Gen. Park Jong-Sik, the ministry's official spokesman, said the plane from the Communist North landed at a South Korean air base.

Park said South Korean Air Force planes scrambled and led the intruder to the air base after the MiG was observed heading south off the west coast. He did not give the name, rank or unit of the pilot or disclose at which base he landed.

Park said an anti-air raid siren was blown after the plane was intercepted. The air raid alert was lifted after 15 minutes. U.S. defense authorities said.

The spokesman said the United Nations command component of the Korean Military Armistice Commission was investigating the reported defection.

Four other North Korean military pilots have defected to the south since the end of the Korean War in 1953.

Pertini backs ex-king's return

ROME, Feb. 25 (R) — Italy's exiled former King Umberto was transferred from a London clinic to a hospital in Geneva Friday, informed sources said.

Italian President Sandro Pertini said Friday he hoped Umberto would be allowed to return here after 36 years of exile.

The Socialist president's statement fueled an increasingly heated debate here over whether, and by what means, the 78-year-old ex-monarch should be allowed to fulfill his oft-expressed desire to see Italy again before he dies.

Umberto, who has spent most of his year of exile in Portugal, has been undergoing treatment for a reportedly incurable bone cancer in a London clinic for several months. Recent

statements by members of his family in the Italian press have said he has only a few weeks to live.

Italy's constitution, established in 1947, forbids the king, his wife and male descendants from setting foot on Italian soil. But President Pertini, 86, said in a letter to the king's daughter, Princess Maria Beatrice: "I wish to record by personal wish that your father's desire to spend the last days of his life in Italy be fulfilled."

Liberal parliamentarian Aldo Bozzi said he had urged party leaders to agree to an urgent debate on a law he proposed which would abolish the parts of a clause 13 of the constitution that bar the king's presence in Italy.

Ulster regiment man slain

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Feb. 25 (AP) — A gunman ambushed and killed a part-time soldier Friday as he got out of his car to go to work at an engineering factory, police reported.

The part-time member of Britain's locally recruited Ulster Defense Regiment was the fourth person to be killed in Northern Ireland's sectarian violence in the past six days. He was the first member of the regiment killed this year.

The shooting occurred in County Tyrone, in the volatile Irish border area, near the spot where gunmen shot and wounded another UDR man and a civilian Tuesday. No group claimed responsibility for Friday's killing, but speculation focused on the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

The IRA is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland and reunite the Protestant-dominated province with the mainly Catholic Irish Republic.

Sean Nesoon, chairman of Northern Ireland's moderate and non-sectarian Alliance Party, condemned Friday's killing.

"Once again Northern Ireland has suffered the senseless loss of another hard-working and industrious young man at the hands of psychopathic gunmen," he told reporters.

The IRA claimed responsibility for the fatal shootings of a postman in County Fermanagh last Saturday and a policeman in Warrenpoint, County Down on Sunday. A police sergeant was also killed in Armagh on Monday night.

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Berlin	-5	23	7	45	clear	New Delhi	13	55	22 72
Brussels	5	41	8	46	rain	New York	2	36	8 46
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